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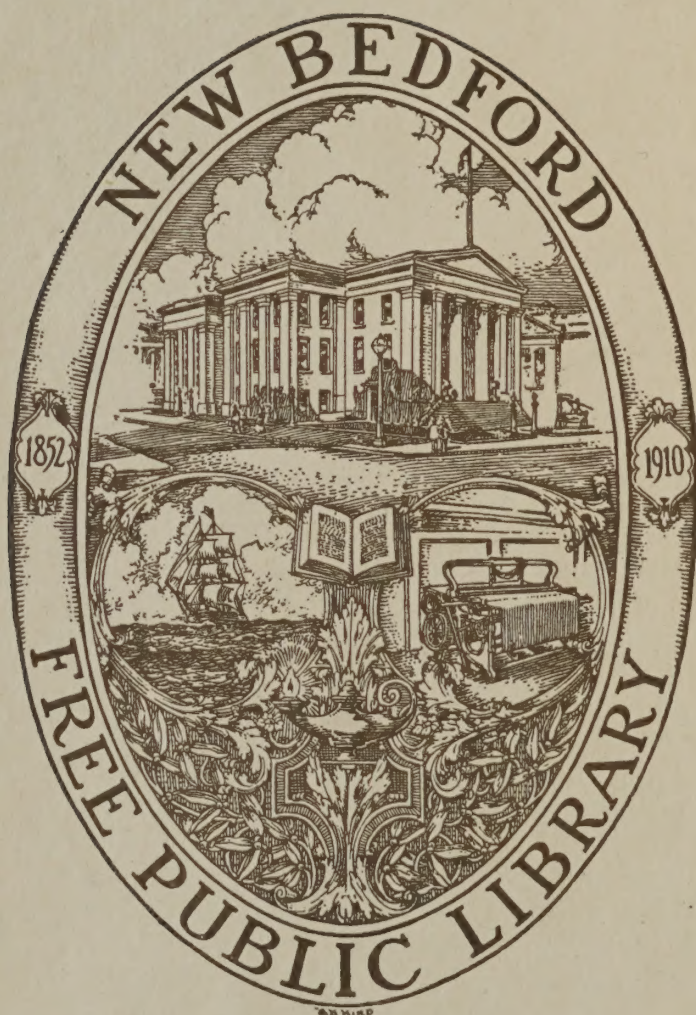


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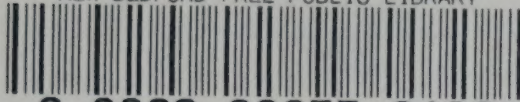
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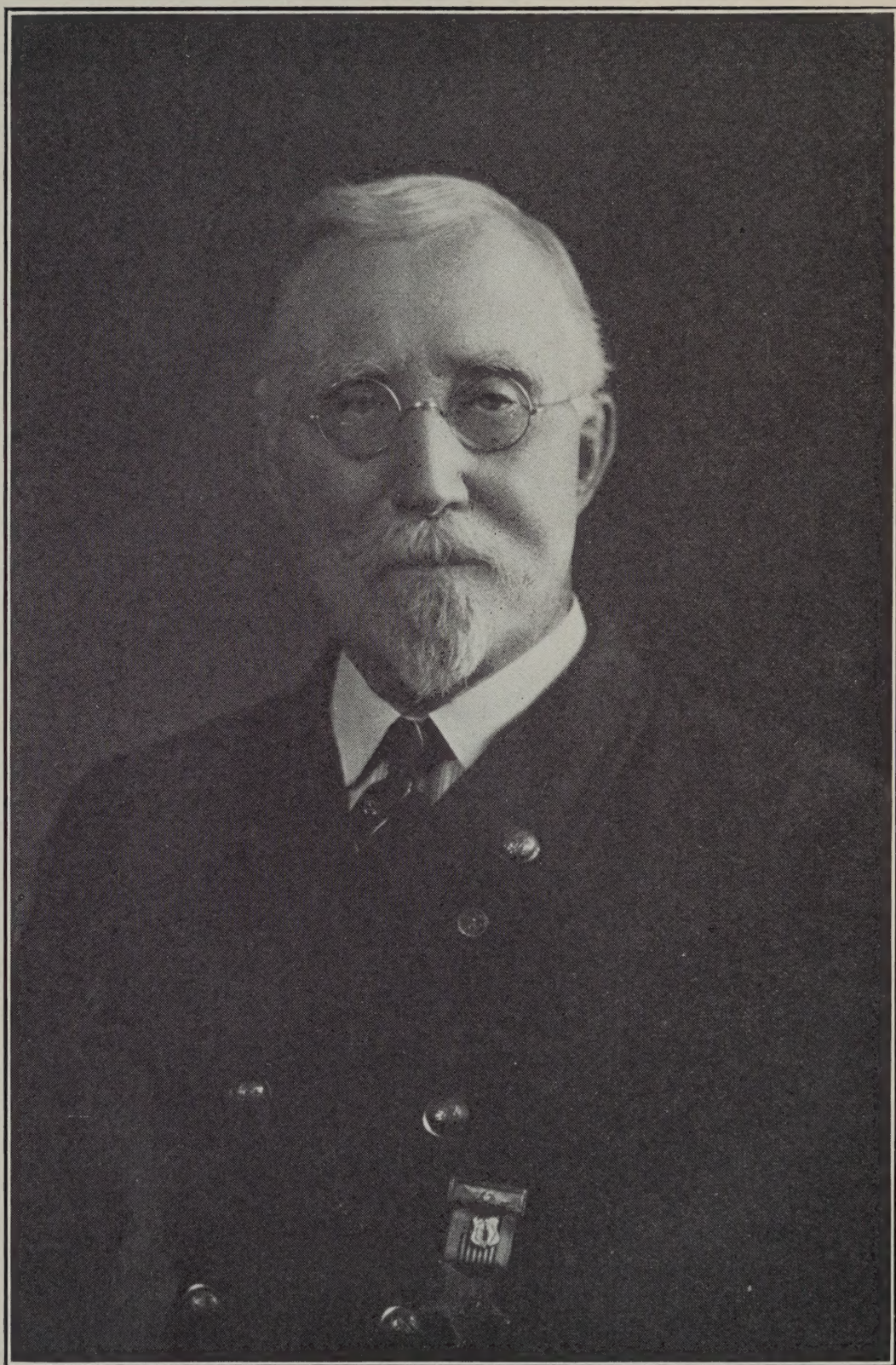


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DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
1926 — 1927
DIED IN OFFICE, APRIL 6, 1927

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DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON

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JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Sixty-first Annual Encampment
Department of Massachusetts
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FANEUIL HALL, BOSTON, April 12, 1927.

The Sixty-First Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, was assembled in Faneuil Hall, on Tuesday, April the twelfth, in accordance with General Orders from Headquarters.

Guard duty was performed by a detail from James A. Perkins Post 156 of Everett, in charge of Edwin F. Morrill, Commander of that Post; Officer of the Day, Henri Batchelder; Officer of the Guard, George A. Parsons; assisted by Comrades John Nicholson and Peter Munroe of Post 156; M. Keller, Post 35; and J. E. Shattuck, Post 200.

The recent departure from this life of Department Commander William F. Brown made it incumbent upon his successor, Commander Henry A. Monk, to preside over this Encampment, and he, with accompanying suite, was escorted to the rostrum with due formality.

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Commander Monk, I place in your hands the emblem of authority, and it is your function to open this Encampment."

Commander: "This is the Sixty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic. Officer of the Day, are the approaches to this Encampment properly guarded?"

Officer of the Day: "Commander, they are."

Commander: "Are the officers present in their positions?"

Officer of the Day: "As far as I know, they are."

Commander: "The Chaplain will invoke the Divine Blessing. Parade rest."

Chaplain George W. Nead, Post 169: "Just a few moments in silent prayer as we remember our departed Comrades.

"Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee as we meet in this shrine of liberty again that Thou hast prolonged our lives to this hour. We thank Thee for this beautiful Spring morning which comes to us with its clear sky, warm sunshine, and the singing of birds.

"O God, Thou art our God; Thou wast our father's God; Thou wast with us and guiding us in the day of battle, and the giver of all our victories.

"We pray Thou wilt be with us at this time in all our deliberation in this our sixty-first Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic; and although an all-wise Providence has removed from our sides our late Department Commander, we thank Thee for his life, his upright character, and for the sacrifice he made for us. And as we listen to his Address that he had prepared for this occasion, may we think of him as not dead but living — ["Amen"] — and speaking to us in this message.

"We pray that Thy blessing may rest upon the Grand Army of the Republic and all its allied orders. Grant that their numbers may be increased, and their

influence also, in the years to come, to carry on this work so dear to our hearts. "Bless this great country which Thou hast given unto us and we have helped to save from dissolution; and we pray Thee, O God, that while proud of greatness and wealth we may give greater emphasis to the mental, moral, and spiritual verities.

"And when our marches are all ended, and our battles fought, and our victories won, may we hear Thee saying unto us 'Well done, good and faithful servants, you have been faithful to home, to your country, and to God; enter into the joy and glory of thy Lord.' Amen!"

Commander: "Comrades, this is the regular annual meeting of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic for the purpose of electing its officers and to transact such other business as may be brought before this Encampment. We meet in fraternity, charity and loyalty, and may all our hearts unite in the great objects of our association.

"I now declare this Encampment duly open for the transaction of its business. The Assistant Adjutant-General will call the roll of Officers."

ROLL OF ENCAMPMENT, 1927

(Comrades whose names are preceded by an asterisk [*] were present.)

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

<i>Commander</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	{ WILLIAM F. BROWN, Deceased
							*HENRY A. MONK
<i>Senior Vice-Commander</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*EDWIN J. FOSTER
<i>Junior Vice-Commander</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	VACANT
<i>Medical Director</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*SAMUEL J. WADE
<i>Chaplain</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*REV. GEORGE W. NEAD

OFFICIAL STAFF.

<i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*WILFRED A. WETHERBEE
<i>Assistant Quartermaster-General</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	EUGENE D. SANBORN
<i>Judge Advocate</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	HERBERT C. JOYNER, Deceased
<i>Inspector</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*WILLIAM R. REED
<i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*E. H. LINCOLN
<i>Patriotic Instructor</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*JOSHUA S. GRAY
<i>Chief of Staff</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	*WILLIAM H. MORGAN

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

*ALBERT FITZMEYER.	*WILLIAM B. WEBBER.
*JAMES H. WEBB.	*GEORGE W. COREY.
D. W. HAMMOND, Deceased.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

JOHN D. BILLINGS.	*GEORGE W. WILDER.
*WILFRED A. WETHERBEE.	*HORACE GOODWIN.
*J. PAYSON BRADLEY.	*EDWIN F. MORRILL.
*GEORGE A. HOSLEY.	*HENRY CLARK.
THOMAS J. AMES, Deceased.	*GEORGE W. PRATT.
JOHN M. WOODS, Deceased.	*BENJAMIN A. HAM.
*ALFRED H. KNOWLES.	*HENRY N. COMEY.

POSTS.**Wm. Logan Rodman Post 1, New Bedford.**

Commander, *Nahum F. Nickelson.

S. V. C., * John J. Holmes.

J. V. C., *Benjamin F. Luther.

Representative.

*George H. Carpenter.

Alternate.

Jerry Robetoye.

Dahlgren Post 2, South Boston.

Commander, *Benjamin A. Ham.

S. V. C., Frederick Whitney.

J. V. C., *Edwin A. Cutter.

Representative.

*William Piggren.

Alternate.

James Crowley.

Past Commanders.

Benjamin M. Campbell.

James H. Greene.

*George L. Hall.

*Leander K. Marston.

William H. Bartlett Post 3, Taunton.

Commander, Oscar A. Hilliard.

S. V. C., Edward Gilroy.

J. V. C., Rollins H. Babbitt.

Representatives.

*John M. Perry.

Edward W. Harlow.

Clark P. Borden.

Alternates.

Thomas L. Smith.

Stillman A. Wade.

Past Commanders.

*Franklin Bosworth.

John C. Chase.

James Glover.

*Henry N. Hopkins.

Silas W. Wood.

U. S. Grant Post 4, Melrose.

Commander, *Charles L. Robinson.

S. V. C., *Asa Child.

J. V. C., Joshua Ford.

Representative.

*William R. Dempsey.

Alternate.

Frank S. Field.

Past Commanders.

*Joseph A. Wiggin.

Frank K. Stratton.

*Rufus D. Kilgore.

General Lander Post 5, Lynn.

Commander, *Charles H. Brackett.

S. V. C., Samuel S. Leaver.

J. V. C., * William F. Dodge.

Representatives.

Eugene M. Libbey.
 *Daniel N. Steingardt.
 *George E. Dow.
 *Frederic E. Sprague.
 *James H. Dervin.
 *Alexander S. Wright.

Alternates.

Philip Smith.
 *John Nickerson.
 George M. Pike.
 Jacob R. Loud.
 Henry Mears.
 Cornelius J. Linehan.

Past Commanders.

Cyrus A. Chadwell.
 George C. Neal.
 Thomas M. Burckes.
 George W. Bulfinch.
 *Archelaus P. B. Kelly.

William G. Conway.
 *Emory E. Larrabee.
 Thomas H. Felter.
 Clarence M. Sprague.

Charles Russell Lowell Post 7, Boston.

Commander, *Charles O. Newell.

S. V. C., *Joseph Brown.

J. V. C., *P. H. Brown.

Representatives.

George B. Bell.
 *Joseph Rogers.

Alternates.

William Bickford.
 *Amos L. Poole.

Past Commanders.

J. B. McDonough.
 *John McGrath.

Benjamin Proctor.
 Samuel Simmons.

E. W. Pierce Post 8, Middleborough.

Commander, *Alvin C. Howes.

S. V. C., Lucius M. Fuller.

J. V. C., *George W. Thomas.

Representative.

Christopher C. Smith.

Alternate.

Henry H. Bennett.

Past Commanders.

Edward E. Place.
 *George B. Leonard.

Alvin P. Vaughn.
 W. H. Smith.

Reno Post 9, Hudson.

Commander, Alvin A. Young.

S. V. C., George W. Edson.

J. V. C., Frank Stevens.

Representative.

*Charles S. Rich.

Alternate.

Joseph H. Lewis.

Past Commanders.

*Daniel D. Rose.

Allen M. Munroe.

Charles H. Ward Post 10, Worcester.

Commander, *Genery T. Darling.

S. V. C., *Oliver P. Judson.

J. V. C., George A. Blunt.

Representatives.

Horace M. Tompkins.
 *Joseph A. Cleveland.
 George A. Moore.
 *Alexander H. Johnson.
 *Thomas E. Noyes.
 *Lewis H. Scott.
 *C. R. Ayres.
 Lucian A. Lamson.

Alternates.

M. M. Putnam.
 C. J. Lakin.
 C. F. Henry.
 G. R. Leland.
 *W. S. Holliday.
 W. L. Ricker.
 *J. F. Knight.

Past Commanders.

James Armstrong.
 George A. Brown.
 *Charles R. Huntley.
 Edward L. Janes.
 *Moses H. Mentzer.
 Joseph A. Titus.
 *William H. Adams.

Abraham Lincoln Post 11, Charlestown.

Commander, Joseph F. Stoddard.

S. V. C., *George S. Campbell.

J. V. C., Horace A. Bradford.

Representatives.

Phineas P. Pettis.
 Francis E. Knight.

Alternates.

John F. Madden.
 Albert Sawyer.

Past Commanders.

Andrew J. Bailey.
 *Alvin R. Bailey.
 *George M. Davis.
 *Charles H. Almeder.
 Patrick H. Driscoll.

Horace M. Warren Post 12, Wakefield.

Commander, *John F. Shea.

S. V. C., Alfred Brown.

J. V. C., Nathan Gould.

Representative.

W. G. Skinner.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Charles Evans.
 *Stanley Dearborn.

Fletcher Webster Post 13, Brockton.

Commander, Andrew C. Gibbs.

S. V. C., Oliver F. Hayes.

J. V. C., William Winsor.

Representatives.

Almanson Osborne.
 *Carl Bone.

Alternates.

Amos Vinal.
 George H. Mann.

Past Commanders.

George A. Grant.
 John A. Hall.
 John Crawford.

C. C. Phillips Post 14, Hopkinton.

Commander, *Edwin A. Newton.

S. V. C., Michael Danehy.

J. V. C., William M. Lyons.

Representative.

*Sidney Whitney.

Alternate.

Past Commander.

A. E. Foss.

John A. Andrew Post 15, Boston.

Commander, *David King.

S. V. C., *Martin Feeney.

J. V. C., Dennis Driscoll.

Representatives.

Charles Corbin.

*Robert Sweeney.

Alternates.

George H. Merrill.

Forest L. Whittredge.

Past Commanders.

Eugene D. Sanborn.

Benjamin F. Briggs.

*James F. Smith.

*Frank W. Mead.

*William H. Eldridge.

Charles W. Robbins.

*John J. Lynn.

*John J. Sheehan.

E. K. Wilcox Post 16, Springfield.

Commander, *Edwin S. Witherell.

S. V. C., *William B. Covil.

J. V. C., William H. Waterman.

Representatives.

*Leonard P. Strong.

*Otto F. Fogelstrand.

*Charles B. Burt.

Alternates.

*Orange S. Pomeroy.

Walter H. Duncan.

Benjamin R. Franklin.

Past Commander.

*Henry H. Hoisington.

General Sedgwick Post 17, Orange.

Commander, Edward Baker.

S. V. C., Israel Newton.

J. V. C., Charles Mixter.

Representative.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Frank L. Spear.

George Moranville.

Colonel Prescott Post 18, Ashland.

Commander, Dana M. Wenzell.

S. V. C., William H. Scott.

J. V. C., Willard W. Watkins.

Representative.

Alternate.

Edwin V. Sumner Post 19, Fitchburg.

Commander, W. W. Tanner.

S. V. C., F. S. Balcom.

J. V. C., F. D. Shattuck.

Representative.

G. L. Mitchell.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

C. H. Glazier.

*J. A. Hayward.

*A. A. Buxton.

*O. P. Boss.

Frederick Hecker Post 21, Boston.

Commander, *Henry Bornstein.

S. V. C., *Leopold Kirchgassner.

J. V. C., _____

Representative.

Leopold Hindenlang.

Alternate.

Maj. E. F. Fletcher Post 22, Milford.

Commander, *George S. Whitney.

S. V. C., *Wm. Callahan.

J. V. C., Lucius E. Heath.

Representative.

Herbert Parkhurst.

Alternate.

George C. Buck.

Joseph Hooker Post 23, East Boston.

Commander, *Joseph Rossiter.

S. V. C., Asa M. Capen.

J. V. C., *Josiah C. Whitney.

Representative.

*Joseph A. Wells.

Alternate.

A. B. R. Sprague Post 24, Grafton.

Commander, William C. Fletcher.

S. V. C., _____

J. V. C., _____

Representative.

George R. Newton.

Alternate.

Past Commander.

E. A. Howe.

Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26, Roxbury.

Commander, *James F. Flynn.

S. V. C., *Alva D. Snow.

J. V. C., George Coburn.

Representatives.

*Harry Isaacs.

*William M. Neff.

Alternate.

George F. Moses.

Past Commanders.

Jediah P. Jordan.

*Frank H. Bell.

Lorenzo B. Dutton.

Benjamin Pettee.

*William A. Copeland.

Henry A. Thomas.

F. P. H. Rogers Post 29, Waltham.

Commander, Samuel E. Clark.

S. V. C., *James Beatty.

J. V. C., John A. Gardner.

Representative.

*James E. Brackett.

Alternate.

Samuel H. Bacon.

William H. Smart Post 30, Cambridge.

Commander, Jeremiah J. Gilman.

S. V. C., *Charles H. Dugan.

J. V. C., Charles H. McHugh.

Representative.

*Jeremiah N. Kellogg.

Alternate.

John McColley.

Past Commanders.

*A. Otis Chamberlin.

John Kinnear.

George W. Perry Post 31, Scituate.

Commander, *Albert Clapp.

S. V. C., John Towne.

J. V. C., *Thomas F. Bailey.

Representative.

*Milton G. Litchfield.

Alternate.

George Emerson.

Washington Post 32, South Boston.

Commander, Michael Kelly.

S. V. C., John F. Healy.

J. V. C., ——— ———

Representative.

*Jeremiah Ford.

Alternate.

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Burbank Post 33, Woburn.

Commander, William C. C. Colgate.

S. V. C., A. R. Linscott.

J. V. C., Richard Carton.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Phil. H. Sheridan Post 34, Salem.

Commander, *Milton Coffin.

S. V. C., *Isaac D. Baker.

J. V. C., William Foss.

Representatives.

*Edward Collins.

*Edward Stillman.

*John E. Guppy.

Alternates.

Richard Mowbray.

John Corrigan.

Joseph Tracey.

Past Commanders.

Almon Allard.

James Arrington.

*William Lander.

John H. Purbeck.

Theodore Winthrop Post 35, Chelsea.

Commander, *Jeremiah Norris.

S. V. C., *Charles S. Witter.

J. V. C., *John E. Wharton.

Representatives.

*Moses J. Keller.

*John Dennis.

Alternates.

George W. R. Putnam.

John Herlihy.

Past Commanders.

*A. A. Nickerson.

M. A. Purbeck.

*Samuel P. Cutter.

Francis Gould Post 36, Arlington.

Commander, Charles S. Parker.

S. V. C., *George H. Averill.

J. V. C., Benjamin F. Wright.

Representative.

C. D. Hanner.

Alternate.

L. F. Bridgham.

Past Commanders.

Henry Bradley.

*Henry Berthong.

Eben Pratt.

F. A. Stearns Post 37, Spencer.

Commander, Robert E. Gibson.

S. V. C., Charles P. Barton.

J. V. C., George P. DeWolfe.

Representative.

Charles A. Bemis.

*Alternate.***Dexter Post 38, Brookfield.**

Commander, Charles F. Mullett.

S. V. C., George L. Howe.

J. V. C., Nelson H. Delane.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Needham Post 39, Lawrence.

Commander, *James Morgan.

S. V. C., Patrick Hogan.

J. V. C., George W. Towne.

Representative.

John Bird.

Alternate.

Moulton Batchelder.

Past Commanders.

Henry A. Webster.

Charles E. Locke.

Charles H. Littlefield.

James Stanley.

*Josiah N. Jones.

Gen. H. G. Berry Post 40, Malden.

Commander, Roscoe G. Bean.

S. V. C., John F. Milliken.

J. V. C., *G. Wilton Lewis.

Representative.

*Thomas A. Hodgdon.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Hiram B. Coburn.

Charles A. North.

George Prouty.

*Orrin Stone.

Alvin G. Brown.

Oscar C. Wallace.

George M. Harris.

*Flavel W. Downs.

Lyon Post 41, Westfield.

Commander, Andrew L. Bush.

S. V. C., Edwin L. Hartley.

J. V. C., Charles Waite.

*Representative.**Alternate.***B. F. Butler Post 42, Lowell**

Commander, *Thomas Crowley.

S. V. C., Chester Goodwin.

J. V. C., Enoch Grinnell.

Representative.

J. P. Campbell.

Alternate.

James McLaughlin.

Past Commander.

*D. L. Page.

John A. Rawlins Post 43, Marlborough.

Commander, *George H. Brigham.

S. V. C., *John Boggs.

J. V. C., Thomas H. Boggs.

Representative.

Herbert A. Hudson.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Frank Bean.

John R. McCrillis.

Lafayette Stickney.

Charles F. Robinson.

Stillman P. Wood.

G. Wesley Nichols Post 44, Southborough.

Commander, Charles S. Parker.

S. V. C., *James McMahon.

J. V. C., George L. Works.

Representative.

Francis D. Newton.

Alternate.

James F. Chickery.

Colonel Allen Post 45, Gloucester.

Commander, *John F. Bickford.

S. V. C., *Francis Davis.

J. V. C., *William D. Lufkin.

Representative.

*William H. Marston.

*Alternate.***Richard Borden Post 46, Fall River.**

Commander, *John Gilbert.

S. V. C., Augustus Bressette.

J. V. C., *Edward Palmer.

Representative.

*Edward Hague.

Alternate.

William Mowry.

Past Commanders.

Joseph Bowers.

*Richard Fleet.

*Joseph Harrison.

Major How Post 47, Haverhill.

Commander, *Charles O. Kelly.

S. V. C., A. G. Morrison.

J. V. C., *Frank H. Russ.

Representative.

Edward Burnham.

John Maley.

Alternate.

James R. Gray.

Past Commanders.

A. N. Batchelder.

O. S. Hubbard.

E. G. Frothingham.

Smith W. Lucas.

George W. Heath.

E. B. Savage.

Martin L. Stover.

George L. Boutwell Post 48, Ayer.

Commander, *John S. Preston.

S. V. C., *Charles Perry.

J. V. C., *Ellexia D. Martell.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

A. W. Bartlett Post 49, Newburyport.

Commander, *Orlando F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Patrick F. Donahue.

J. V. C., *Wm. E. Carlton.

Representatives.

*Charles F. Peel.

*Benjamin C. Welch.

Alternates.

Amos M. Little.

Samuel Short.

Past Commanders.

William C. Cusick.

James L. Bryant.

Charles A. Grant.

*Charles S. Noyes.

*Joseph C. Richardson.

*Hiram T. Balch.

Samuel Brookings.

Jere W. Porter.

Union Post 50, Peabody.

Commander, *Edward Q. Moulton.

S. V. C., *Franklin Larrabee.

J. V. C., Levi C. Hutchinson.

Representative.

*Richard E. Smith.

Alternate.

William C. Beckett.

Ezra Batcheller Post 51, North Brookfield.

Commander, George W. Bruce.

S. V. C., Albert H. Foster.

J. V. C., Alphonse Woodcock.

Representative.

Alex. B. Moreau.

Alternate.

Alden J. Gilbert.

A. B. Randall Post 52, Eastondale.

Commander, Nathaniel W. Slocum.

S. V. C., Augustus J. Leavitt.

J. V. C., Berlin J. White.

Representative.

*Irving B. Mowry.

Alternate.

Albert Hayward.

Charles H. Stevens Post 53, Leominster.

Commander, Frank Bourne.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., Charles Prew.

Representative.

*Alvin Holman.

Alternate.

Charles F. Staples.

Past Commanders.

*Alvah Heald.

Charles G. Putney.

Harry C. Conant.

*Oliver J. Putnam.

*Charles S. Houghton.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

Charles Beck Post 56, Cambridge.

Commander, *Francis J. O'Reilly.

S. V. C., *Theodore P. Prentice.

J. V. C., *Andrew MacGinnes.

Representative.

James L. Ireland.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

George Rouillard.

Otis S. Brown.

Reynolds Post 58, East Weymouth.

Commander, Francis A. Bicknell.

S. V. C., Michael McGrath.

J. V. C., *George S. Hunt.

Representative.

*Rufus S. Turpel.

Alternate.

William Litchfield.

Past Commanders.

William A. Drake.

William E. Mitchell.

*David Dunbar.

*Andrew Culley.

*Bradford Hawes.

*Joseph P. Ford.

Waldo Turner.

Franklin Post 60, Franklin.

Acting Commander, Albert J. Newell.

S. V. C., _____

J. V. C., Charles O. Greene.

Representative.

J. C. McWilliams.

Alternate.

Samuel Bourne.

Past Commander.

*Rupert J. Chute.

Nathaniel Lyon Post 61, Webster.

Commander, Elias B. Wakefield.

S. V. C., _____

J. V. C., _____

Representative.

Henry C. Phillips.

Alternate.

William Moore.

Past Commander.

W. N. Leavens.

Charles Ward Post 62, Newtonville.

Commander, *William M. Mick.

S. V. C., *Leonard Boyd.

J. V. C., *E. H. Stoddard.

Representatives.

*W. H. Ayles.

Alternates.

Otis W. Gray.

H. E. Williams.

Charles Moore.

Past Commanders.

Willard D. Tripp.

*George M. Fiske.

*Colon S. Ober.

George H. Osborne.

General Wadsworth Post 63, Natick.

Commander, *A. C. Ambler.

S. V. C., *R. J. Fox.

J. V. C., Daniel Green.

Representative.

*J. L. Robinson.

Alternate.

J. H. Colburn.

Past Commander.

*Edwin A. Taylor.

E. D. Baker Post 64, Clinton.

Commander, Orlando L. Martin.

S. V. C., J. E. Farnsworth.

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

R. A. Parmenter.

Alternate.

— —

Past Commander.

*Louis L. Stone.

S. C. Lawrence Post 66, Medford.

Commander, *George L. Stokell.

S. V. C., *Edgar A. Hall.

J. V. C., Benjamin P. Lewis.

Representative.

*Herman R. Green.

Alternate.

Thomas Kelley.

Past Commander.

Charles O. Burbank.

Benj. Stone, Jr., Post 68, Dorchester.

Commander, *Wallace Kenney.

S. V. C., J. Henry Blanchard.

J. V. C., *Rodney W. Greenleaf.

Representative.

— —

Alternate.

— —

Past Commanders.

*Walter Swan.

*William H. Haddock.

*George H. Rexford.

*Francis M. Murphy.

*William H. Dupree.

*Jerome J. Pratt.

*A. A. Chittenden.

*George F. T. Wellington.

Joseph P. Rice Post 69, Westminster.

Commander, Hobart Raymond.

S. V. C., A. D. Wheeler.

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

— —

Alternate.

— —

George A. Custer Post 70, Millbury.

Commander, Henry W. Davidson.

S. V. C., *Henry A. White.

J. V. C., Ambrose Rice.

Representative.

Henry Rice.

Alternate.

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Kilpatrick Post 71, Holyoke.

Commander, *William H. Abbott.

S. V. C., James Gage.

J. V. C., Stephen Gifford.

Representative.

*William Brown.

Alternate.

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Past Commander.

Embury B. Clark.

A. St. John Chambre Post 72, Stoughton.

Commander, *James McElroy.

S. V. C., *Charles A. Miles.

J. V. C., —— —

Representative.

William H. Overton.

Alternate.

Hiram Randall.

McPherson Post 73, Abington.

Commander, *John F. Hatch.

S. V. C., Henry T. Rochefort.

J. V. C., *Harvey Edison.

Representative.

*James B. Johnson.

Alternate.

Isaac K. Holmes.

Hartsuff Post 74, Rockland.

Commander, William R. Groce.

S. V. C., D. C. Witherell.

J. V. C., W. H. Cate.

Representative.

*Willard A. Gurney.

Alternate.

Henry H. Baker.

Past Commanders.

William H. Bates.

*Jason B. Hersey.

*Joshua S. Gray.

John H. Harper.

*Samuel M. Watts.

J. P. Gould Post 75, Stoneham.

Commander, *P. H. Horne.

S. V. C., R. F. Davis.

J. V. C., *G. E. Kenson.

Representative.

*J. A. Moulton.

Alternate.

George W. Wyman.

Past Commanders.

*R. K. Brown.

S. A. Lawrence.

*George F. Jewett.

G. W. Newhall.

S. C. Trull.

Collingwood Post 76, Plymouth.

Commander, *George A. Burgess.

S. V. C., Seth L. Holmes.

J. V. C., Samuel Holmes.

Representative.

Alternate.

Theron P. Hall Post 77, Holden.

Commander, C. E. Farrar.

S. V. C., A. D. Bascom.

J. V. C., ———

Representative.

G. S. Graham.

Alternate.

David A. Russell Post 78, Whitman.

Commander, Bela Alden.

S. V. C., *John Lane.

J. V. C., Lucius Cook.

Representative.

*Shepard F. Eaton.

Alternate.

Henry C. Adams.

Past Commanders.

Elmer W. Copeland.

*O. H. Ellis.

Charles D. Sanford Post 79, North Adams.

Commander, Alfred A. Lee.

S. V. C., *George J. Montgomery.

J. V. C., Nicholas Martin.

Representative.

John Mitchell.

Alternate.

Samuel Hindley.

Past Commanders.

Charles H. Arnum.

Alex. W. Fulton.

*Martin Curley.

Henry A. Tower.

Arthur G. Biscoe Post 80, Westborough.

Commander, *John W. Fairbanks.

S. V. C., Harris C. Warren.

J. V. C., Forrest R. Kingsbury.

Representative.

Stephen A. Gilmore.

Alternate.

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Past Commander.

Melvin H. Walker.

Isaac B. Patten Post 81, Watertown.

Commander, *Alvin F. Tolman.

S. V. C., Nelson Hill.

J. V. C., *Charles F. Sherman.

Representative.

Ozra M. Whittier.

Alternate.

Michael Hughes.

John Goodwin, Jr., Post 82, Marblehead.

Commander, Albert F. Morris.

S. V. C., Joseph W. Wormstead.

J. V. C., Benj. W. R. Chase.

Representative.

Henry O. Chase.

Alternate.

Benj. G. Hooper.

Past Commanders.

Eli V. Hunt.

Winfield S. Caswell.

Samuel Snow.

Stewart F. McClearn.

J. E. Wilder Post 83, Hanover.

Commander, *George M. Curtis.

S. V. C., Peleg Sturtevant.

J. V. C., S. F. Buffum.

Representative.

I. M. Bishop.

Alternate.

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Past Commanders.

*Lewis Josselyn.

Melzar Bailey.

J. W. Lawton Post 85, Ware.

Commander, Alfred H. Richardson.

S. V. C., — —

J. V. C., Elias H. Davis.

Representative.

*Henry M. Hitchcock.

Alternate.

George E. Fairbanks.

W. L. Baker Post 86, Northampton.

Commander, William R. Bardwell.

S. V. C., Edward E. Graves.

J. V. C., *Alphonso Witherell.

Representatives.

*Seth W. Kingsley.

Thomas Dumphy.

Alternates.

Charles K. Morton.

Justin E. Janes.

Past Commanders.

Nathaniel W. Farrar.

Shepard R. Dyer.

Gen. S. Thayer Post 87, South Braintree.

Commander, *Henry A. Monk.

S. V. C., William J. Tirrell.

J. V. C., Henry W. Collins.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

Edwin L. Curtis.

Paul J. Revere Post 88, Quincy.

Commander, *John D. Williams.

S. V. C., Charles P. Costar.

J. V. C., *Charles A. Brown.

Representative.

*Frederick H. Bishop.

Alternate.

Gresham B. Thomas.

J. H. Chapman, Jr., Post 89, Beverly.

Commander, *William H. Morgan.

S. V. C., *William F. Bickford.

J. V. C., Arthur Jordan.

Representative.

*George F. Goldthwait.

Alternate.

Joseph F. Foster.

Past Commanders.

John Hanners.

*Thomas F. Whiting.

John E. Foster.

*James A. Wright.

Ward Post 90, Danvers.

Commander, *Alonzo A. Rackliff.

S. V. C., Dennison Spaulding.

J. V. C., Dennis Cashman.

Representative.

William Collins.

Alternate.

Frederick Collins.

Past Commanders.

Henry H. Potter.

Isaac E. Frye.

J. Albert Blake.

Francis Washburn Post 92, Brighton.

Commander, *Ellis W. Knowlton.

S. V. C., Charles M. Hathaway.

J. V. C., *James Sawyer.

Representative.

Isaac G. Wheeler.

Alternate.

John O'Connell.

Past Commanders.

J. F. Chickey.

*Joseph H. Haskell.

E. Frank Stearns.

John Welch.

Ozro Miller Post 93, Shelburne Falls.

Commander, George A. Jones.

S. V. C., William Smith.

J. V. C., — — —

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Revere Post 94, Canton.

Commander, *Richmond L. Weston.

S. V. C., *Theron M. Kelley.

J. V. C., *James Ryan.

Representative.

*Wilbur D. Ryerson.

Alternate.

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Gen. E. W. Hincks Post 95, Saugus.

Commander, *Joseph Newhall.

S. V. C., — — —

J. V. C., — — —

Representative.

*George W. Caswell.

Alternate.

George W. Gale.

Gen. W. Bartlett Post 99, Andover.

Commander, *Henry L. Clukey.

S. V. C., John Cummings.

J. V. C., James Saunders.

Representative.

*John B. A. Russell.

Alternate.

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Charles Sumner Post 101, Groveland.

Commander, Charles J. Shute.

S. V. C., George E. Anderson.

J. V. C., Eugene C. Brown.

Representative.

*Charles T. Balch.

Alternate.

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Huntington F. Wolcott Post 102, Milton.

Commander, *Nathaniel S. Barry.

S. V. C., Alex. Hobbs.

J. V. C., *James Burns.

Representative.

*Horace N. Plummer.

Alternate.

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Past Commanders.

*J. E. Blake.

J. F. Farrell.

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Edwin Humphrey Post 104, Hingham.

Commander, William M. Gilman.

S. V. C., Ezra Wilder.

J. V. C., J. O'Hara.

Representative.

William H. Lord.

Alternate.

Andrew J. Clark.

Past Commander.

*James L. Bates.

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J. Orson Fisk Post 105, Upton.

Commander, *Willard Wood.

S. V. C., Alonzo Southland.

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

Aaron Jackson.

Alternate.

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Otis W. Wallace Post 106, Rockport.

Commander, Joseph M. Reed.

S. V. C., Charles B. Morse.

J. V. C., Albert Norwood.

Representative.

Henry C. Davis.

Alternate.

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Ericsson Post 109, East Templeton.

Commander, Charles W. Nichols.

S. V. C., Samuel Richardson.

J. V. C., Frank H. Cleveland.

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Capt. Horace Niles Post 110, Randolph.

Commander, *Hiram S. Faunce.

S. V. C., Franklin Taylor.

J. V. C., L. A. Faunce.

Representative.

C. J. McMorrow.

Alternate.

Lemuel Capen.

Past Commanders.

David Pope.

R. I. Jones.

Joseph E. Simmons Post 111, Pembroke.

Commander, Benjamin F. Toppan.

S. V. C., Charles H. Poole.

J. V. C., John C. Davis.

*Representative.**Alternate.***D. Willard Robinson Post 112, Norwell.**

Commander, Alfred B. Litchfield.

S. V. C., *Frank W. Alger.

J. V. C., Benjamin W. French.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

John H. Prouty.

Edward W. Kinsley Post 113, Boston.

Commander, Oliver P. Ricker.

S. V. C., *George W. States.

J. V. C., Manning Emery.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*Charles L. Ridgway.

George E. Curtis.

Col. G. R. Mudge Post 114, Merrimac.

Commander, L. B. Blaisdell.

S. V. C., C. E. Flanders.

J. V. C., E. G. Bly.

*Representative.**Alternate.***E. S. Clark Post 115, Groton.**

Commander, Charles H. Berry.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., John Condon.

*Representative.**Alternate.***D. G. Farragut Post 116, Gardner.**

Commander, *Roswell C. Powers.

S. V. C., *J. A. Byron.

J. V. C., *W. W. Caswell.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*T. L. Harlow.

Charles S. Knight.

Past Commander.

Edward P. Brown.

Moses Ellis Post 117, Medfield.

Commander, *E. C. Crocker.

S. V. C., *J. A. Fitts.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Gen. James Bates Post 118, Swampscott.**

Commander, Daniel C. Beckett.

S. V. C., George Lourillard.

J. V. C., Theodore S. Wilkins.

Representative.

*Weston H. Wyman.

Alternate.

Rufus Wentworth.

Past Commander.

Horace R. Wardwell.

George G. Meade Post 119, Lexington.

Commander, William B. Foster.

S. V. C., John N. Morse.

J. V. C., Everett S. Locke.

Representative.

George B. Dennett.

*Alternate.**Past Commander.*

George D. Harrington.

James A. Garfield Post 120, Lowell.

Commander, *George B. Barnett.

S. V. C., George Conway.

J. V. C., Edward F. Smith.

Representative.

*George E. Clogston.

Alternate.

Isaac Patnaud.

Past Commanders.

George H. Nutting.

Charles H. Nevers.

Frank Flanders.

Timothy Ingraham Post 121, Hyde Park.

Commander, *Richard F. Boynton.

S. V. C., *Robert S. Frampton.

J. V. C., Alexis Dean.

Representative.

*W. A. Gray.

Alternate.

Henry B. Terry.

Past Commanders.

George E. W. Ide.

*E. J. Chandler.

*James A. Mitchell.

Walter C. Bryant.

E. P. Wallace Post 122, Amesbury.

Commander, *Charles A. Moore.

S. V. C., George W. Marden.

J. V. C., William H. Currier.

Representative.

George E. Batchelder.

Alternate.

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Past Commander.

M. M. Dennett.

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Parker Post 123, Athol.

Commander, Lyman B. Hastings.

S. V. C., Frank Thomas.

J. V. C., Chester Dickinson.

Representative.

J. C. Amidon.

Alternate.

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W. W. Rockwell Post 125, Pittsfield.

Commander, *William F. Hunt.

S. V. C., *Edwin H. Lincoln.

J. V. C., Charles Hudelston.

Representative.

*Willis A. Crossman.

Alternate.

Edwin A. Hinkley.

Past Commanders.

Charles E. Johnson.

Alfred L. Marshall.

James F. Thurston.

Francis A. Ireland.

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Gen. J. Appleton Post 128, Ipswich.

Commander, Albert N. Nichols.

S. V. C., John A. Wheeler.

J. V. C., John W. Russell.

Representative.

*Alonzo Butler.

Alternate.

Isaac W. Mitchell.

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James H. Sargent Post 130, West Medway.

Commander, Elmer L. Videtto.

S. V. C., Dennis W. Riordan.

J. V. C., George H. Scott.

Representative.

J. C. Hitchcock.

Alternate.

Ezra J. Riggs.

Past Commander.

Peter Cahill.

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Charles Chipman Post 132, Sandwich.

Commander, J. Frank Giles.

S. V. C., —— ———

J. V. C., —— ———

Representative.

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Alternate.

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George H. Maintien Post 133, Plainville.

Commander, *Granville Morse.

S. V. C., Casper Hartman.

J. V. C., Allen Dart.

Representative.
Charles Card.*Alternate.*
Charles Coombs.

Robert A. Bell Post 134, Boston.

Commander, *Edward A. Ditmus.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Washington.

J. V. C., *William H. Jackson.

Representative.
Joseph Young.*Alternate.*
_____*Past Commanders.*

*Isaac Mullen.

*E. George Biddle.

E. A. Andrews Post 135, Shrewsbury.

Commander, Hiram W. Loring.

S. V. C., Peter Gamache.

J. V. C., _____

Representative.
_____*Alternate.*

Isaac Davis Post 138, West Acton.

Commander, George L. Towne.

S. V. C., *Isaac L. Ford.

J. V. C., Daniel Farrar.

Representative.
_____*Alternate.*

Willard C. Kinsley Post 139, Somerville.

Commander, *George M. Houghton.

S. V. C., *Amasa E. Googins.

J. V. C., Dennis M. Dailey.

Representatives.
*Robert K. Jones.
*John S. Frost.*Alternates.*
William P. Swift.
Patrick J. Mahoney.*Past Commanders.*John H. Dusseault.
*Thomas J. Buffum.
*Walter Winward.
Charles O. Pratt.George H. Clapp.
*William W. Fish.
*Charles C. Stone.
Thomas F. Smith.

H. V. Smith Post 140, Athol.

Commander, C. V. Stoddard.

S. V. C., George McRea.

J. V. C., F. H. Blackmer.

Representative.

A. L. Gilson.

Alternate.

Past Commander.

P. F. Nims.

C. L. Chandler Post 143, Brookline.

Commander, William B. Webber.

S. V. C., *Prince A. Phinney.

J. V. C., *Theodore E. Clark.

Representative.

Alternate.

Past Commanders.

Philip A. Nordell.

Augustus S. Lovett.

Charles W. Carroll Post 144, Dedham.

Commander, *John E. Bronson.

S. V. C., John H. Nichols.

J. V. C., John W. Howlett.

Representative.

Weston F. Hutchins.

Alternate.

William A. Streeter Post 145, Attleboro.

Commander, *John W. Bean.

S. V. C., Charles D. Kinney.

J. V. C., *John Dorr.

Representative.

*W. B. Aldrich.

Alternate.

Nicholas Nerney.

Past Commander.

E. W. Rhodes.

General Lawton Post 146, Lawrence.

Commander, *John A. Brackett.

S. V. C., T. M. Cogswell.

J. V. C., Stephen Miller.

Representative.

Justin S. Bridges.

Alternate.

James Walsh.

Past Commanders.

*O. J. Randlett.

W. L. Hobbs.

A. L. Tappan.

*Amos Bradford.

Charles Wainwright.

Theophilus Coupe.

Major Boyd Post 151, West Newbury.

Commander, John A. Bradley.

S. V. C., John Preble.

J. V. C., Lewis L. Morrill.

*Representative.**Alternate.***O. H. P. Sargent Post 152, Essex.**

Commander, Albert Andrews.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Gilman C. Parker Post 153, Winchendon.**

Commander, *Gustavus W. Jones.

S. V. C., *Jerome L. Stevens.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***Martha Sever Post 154, Kingston.**

Commander, A. E. Lincoln.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.***James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett.**

Commander, *Edwin F. Morrill.

S. V. C., Wm. N. Buckminster.

J. V. C., John L. Nicolson.

Representative.

*Stephen O. Anthony.

Alternate.

John Deguio.

Past Commanders.

*Henri Batchelder.

*George A. Parsons.

John A. Hawes Post 159, East Boston.

Commander, Robert Young.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

William E. Estes.

James F. Ward.

Alan Hamilton Post 160, West Brookfield.

Commander, Edwin Wilbur.

S. V. C., William Chaplin.

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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Woburn Post 161, Woburn.

Commander, *B. F. Smith.

S. V. C., A. B. Wyman.

J. V. C., A. G. French.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

*C. F. Young.

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Gen. J. G. Foster Post 163, Framingham.

Commander, William F. Brown.

S. V. C., William H. Burke.

J. V. C., Adriel Farnsworth.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Thomas A. Knowlton.

Jonathan Hervey.

Past Commanders.

*William R. Reed.

Samuel O. Staples.

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F. A. Clary Post 164, Conway.

Commander, George A. Hassell.

S. V. C., Adelbert Bailey.

J. V. C., Ira N. Hitchcock.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

James Coughlin.

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Wm. Wadsworth Post 165, Duxbury.

Commander, James K. Burgess.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., George H. Bailey.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

James Downey.

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M. Ammidown Post 168, Southbridge.

Commander, *George W. Corey.

S. V. C., *Norval Newell.

J. V. C., Baldwin J. Vinton.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Israel Leduc.

Thomas O'Hara.

George R. Bird Post 169, Norwood.

Commander, *George W. Nead.

S. V. C., *William Formeau.

J. V. C., *J. E. May.

Representative.

*J. H. Partridge.

Alternate.

Charles H. Shackley.

John Rogers Post 170, Mansfield.

Commander, *Uriah Hoyt.

S. V. C., *A. A. Briggs.

J. V. C., *Adelbert White.

Representative.

*John Lyman.

*Alternate.**Past Commanders.*

Vernon Grover.

Moses L. Greene.

John Hannifen.

Henry C. Hamilton.

Louis A. Lauriat.

*George A. Fiske.

Leander Wentworth.

Henry H. Johnson Post 171, Northfield.

Commander, *James R. Hamilton.

S. V. C., Alonzo W. Wheeler.

J. V. C., — —

Representative.

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Alternate.

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J. Arthur Johnson Post 173, Sturbridge.

Commander, *E. H. Davenport.

S. V. C., William L. Allen.

J. V. C., Melvin Booth.

Representative.

J. J. Shepard.

Alternate.

Louis St. John.

Past Commander.

A. J. Barnard.

Edwin E. Day Post 174, Greenfield.

Commander, *John R. Sears.

S. V. C., Allen Newton.

J. V. C., Richard O'Hara.

Representative.

J. A. Horton.

Alternate.

W. L. Corbett.

Gen. H. C. Lee Post 176, Huntington.

Commander, H. E. Stanton.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

Representative.

H. M. Ripley.

Alternate.

Leroy Warfield.

Samuel F. Woods Post 179, Barre.

Commander, Benjamin F. Brooks.

S. V. C., Thomas W. Walcott.

J. V. C., Alberto P. Clark.

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Old Concord Post 180, Concord.

Commander, Louis H. George.

S. V. C., George Berry.

J. V. C., Patrick Keefe.

Representative.

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Alternate.

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C. M. Wheaton Post 182, Somerset.

Commander, Amos C. Padelford.

S. V. C., George O. Buffington.

J. V. C., Thomas A. Francis.

Representative.

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Alternate.

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Ladd and Whitney Post 185, Lowell.

Commander, Franklin S. Pevey.

S. V. C., *A. I. Gilman.

J. V. C., G. E. Bryant.

Representatives.

*Charles M. Bixby.

Charles E. Hosmer.

Alternates.

Samuel Partlow.

Charles E. Chase.

Past Commanders.

Albert A. Davis.

George L. Adams.

Marcus L. Cowdrey.

Coburn S. Smith.

Preston Post 188, Beverly Farms.

Commander, Benjamin F. Osborn.

S. V. C., Timothy Higgins.

J. V. C., ———

Representative.

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Alternate.

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David Church Post 189, Marshfield Hills.

Commander, Amasa M. Bartlett.

S. V. C., Warren F. White.

J. V. C., *George Wilson.

*Representative.**Alternate.**Past Commander.*

Isaiah A. Elwell.

R. A. Pierce Post 190, New Bedford.

Commander, George N. Alden.

S. V. C., Henry W. Mason.

J. V. C., *John V. Spare.

Representatives.

Joseph Rock.

George P. Macomber.

Alternates.

Fayette E. Randall.

William B. Hinkley.

Past Commanders.

James W. Hervey.

Thomas C. Robbins.

Otis B. Phinney.

Gettysburg Post 191, Boston.

Commander, William H. Hall.

S. V. C., William J. Anderson.

J. V. C., J. W. Jordan.

Representative.

*John H. Mace.

Alternate.

Henry Scales.

Past Commander.

W. J. Hargraves.

P. M. Whiting Post 192, North Attleborough.

Commander, Stephen Stanley.

S. V. C., Charles W. H. Day.

J. V. C., Patrick Kivlin.

*Representative.**Alternate.***C. M. Packard Post 193, Avon.**

Commander, Ira McLaughlin.

S. V. C., M. Hunt.

J. V. C., *S. Minot Crane.

Representative.

S. Frank Oliver.

Alternate.

Veteran Post 194, Reading.

Commander, *Walter S. Parker.

S. V. C., *John Bachellor.

J. V. C., John H. Simpson.

Representative.

William H. Brooke.

Alternate.

Harland P. Pratt.

Past Commanders.

George A. Sargent.

Ernest A. Clapp.

*Wm. C. M. Howe.

Thomas A. Parker Post 195, East Pepperell.

Commander, *Otis A. Merrill.

S. V. C., Henry P. Humes.

J. V. C., Albert A. Pelton.

Representative.

*George A. Gay.

Alternate.

Celestin G. Willey.

Past Commander.

George G. Tarbell.

W. S. Eaton Post 199, Revere.

Commander, Lewis L. Bullard.

S. V. C., William H. Blauvelt.

J. V. C., *Julius A. Herrman.

*Representative.**Alternate.***Boston Post 200, Jamaica Plain.**

Commander, *George W. Green.

S. V. C., *John E. Shattuck.

J. V. C., J. H. P. Thomas.

Representative.

*Stillman D. Bond.

Alternate.

John A. Page.

Past Commander.

*Charles A. S. Troup.

E. B. Nye Post 203, Bourne.

Commander, *John J. Ryder.

S. V. C., Samuel W. Morse.

J. V. C., Martin V. B. Cahoun.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Theo. Parkman Post 204, Centerville.

Commander, Edward W. Childs.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., Clarence L. Baker.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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Thos. Gardner Post 207, Nantucket.

Commander, Josiah H. Murphy.

S. V. C., ———

J. V. C., ———

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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Gen. W. T. Sherman Post 208, Wareham.

Commander, James A. Harlow.

S. V. C., John Campbell.

J. V. C., Henry O. Winsor.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

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Past Commander.

Cornelius Hagerty.

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E. P. Hopkins Post 209, Williamstown.

Commander, William R. Stocking.

S. V. C., M. M. Watkins.

J. V. C., J. Marsh Galusha.

*Representative.**Alternate.*

Edgar Maynard.

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Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "The roll has been called and I find the following absentees: The Junior Vice-Commander, whose position is vacant; Comrade Sanborn is detained away on account of his health; Comrade Joyner has passed Over the River and one member of the Council, whose position is vacant."

Commander: "Officer of the Day, you will admit all delegates now in the anterooms and then close the doors."

"Comrades, owing to the unfortunate circumstances which have placed me in this position, I have no address to deliver to you. I have simply come into this office to fill the unexpired term of late Commander Brown, and therefore all I can do is to read to you his address. I hope you will receive it as though Comrade Brown was here in person delivering this address; although he is not here bodily, I believe he is here in spirit and looking down on this gathering today. His sympathies, you know, were always with you, and our memories will always be bright and fresh for his magnificent services as Commander of this Department."

(For further proceedings see page 66.)

ADDRESS OF DEPARTMENT-COMMANDER WILLIAM F. BROWN.

COMRADES: — At the close of another year we are met in this historic hall where so many able and patriotic men have given the word that has sent thousands to battle for the right and to uphold the destinies of our Republic whose foundation was laid at Plymouth in 1620. I, to give an account of my stewardship, and you, to legislate for the future. I extend to every one a cordial and fraternal greeting. One year ago I accepted the office of Department-Commander with the fear that I might not measure up to the standard set by my predecessors. But having taken the obligation, I could not turn back and I have done the best I could.

MEMBERSHIP.

As the years come and go, time, the mound-builder, is slowly but surely diminishing our ranks. But the spirit of the Grand Army boys and the fraternity among them is, I am sure, stronger than ever. We have lost by death, this year, 445, by suspension 83, leaving January 1, 1927, 2,179 members in good standing. This loss by suspension could have been avoided if the officers of the suspended Posts had sent in their returns when they should have done so. The Assistant Adjutant-General wrote to them four or five times telling them of the consequences of not complying with the rules and regulations, but without avail. Consequently 5 Posts with 83 members were suspended, and I wish to call the attention of the delegates present to the necessity of sending all reports to headquarters on time. I refer you to the report of the Assistant Adjutant-General and ask you to read it carefully.

FINANCE.

The finances of the Department are in a sound condition under the able management of the Assistant Quartermaster-General Eugene D. Sanborn.

In Memoriam.

HERBERT C. JOYNER, Judge Advocate, died January 5, 1927.

He was a true patriot and believed in America and its institutions, and his voice was often heard in their defence. He was a constant attendant at our conventions.

THOMAS J. AMES, Past Department Commander, died February 15, 1927.

He was known to the whole Department as Tommy Ames. For many years he was unable to attend Grand Army gatherings on account of the illness of his wife, to whom he was ever faithful. He will be missed on account of his genial nature and his smile that showed the goodness of his heart. He was a true and faithful Comrade.

J. WARREN POLAND, Council of Administration, died in April, 1926.

Comrade Poland was Commander of Post 12, Wakefield. He was highly esteemed by his Grand Army Comrades and by the citizens of his home town.

MEMORIAL DAY.

The day of all days of the year when every comrade who can come out meets with his Comrades to pay their tribute of honor and respect to those of their comrades who have passed on to the silent camping ground. Each year our ranks are smaller and we are obliged to call upon our Sons of Union Veterans to do the work the Grand Army has so faithfully performed in the past. And well they have responded. I am of the opinion that the public is taking a greater interest on Memorial Day than in former years. We welcome with us on that day those who fought in later wars, the United Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

SOLDIERS' HOME.

I have not visited the Soldiers' Home as often as I ought, but I am sure, from what I have seen and learned from others who have visited it often, that in the

Commandant, Charles W. Parker, the interests and welfare of our comrades are carefully looked after. The Board of Trustees holds meetings, where the affairs of the Home are discussed openly, and all members of the Board may express themselves. But I think it was not the proper thing to do to put the boys of the later wars in with the Grand Army of the Republic comrades. The officers and members of the Board of Trustees seem very much interested in the welfare of the inmates. It is a *home* for those who have no other home.

GOV. JOHN A. ANDREW HOME.

This Home partially supplies a need that the State of Massachusetts should have provided for years ago. When a Comrade, with a wife who has cared for him for years, is obliged to go to the Soldiers' Home, he must leave his wife behind to get along as best she can. In their old age with its infirmities and when they need each other's company and sympathy, they must be separated. It is wrong. It is downright cruelty. Something should be done. Mrs. Lue Stuart Wadsworth, in the Governor John A. Andrew Home at Newtonville, has established in a limited way such a Home, but it cannot meet the demands upon it, and it needs all the help it can get to care for its inmates. The thanks of this Department are due to Mrs. Wadsworth for the labor in behalf of the Veterans and women under her care.

ARMY NURSES.

As long as the Grand Army of the Republic exists, the Army Nurses will be held in grateful remembrance by every comrade. Their labors and trials and sacrifices can never be forgotten, especially by those who received their kind care and gentle ministrations.

As an organization, we ask that God's choicest blessings may be bestowed upon the Army Nurses of the Civil War.

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

A body of loyal women of our land organized approximately forty-four years ago and now numbering more than two hundred thousand, working as only true and loyal women can work in caring for the boys in blue, in recognition of what they did from 1861 to 1865. There is nothing too hard for them to undertake if they but know what is required of them, and often they anticipate our wants. They have smoothed the brow of pain, they have wiped away the death damp, they have comforted the widow and the fatherless, they have provided food and clothing for the needy. And when death came, it was robbed of half of its terrors. The widow goes not down to the tomb a lonely and dejected mourner, but she is followed by those who sympathize with her and are obligated to comfort and sustain her in her hour of trial.

Fraternity, charity and loyalty are their watchwords are well as ours. And as woman was last at the cross and first at the sepulcher, so I believe the Woman's Relief Corps will be with the last Comrade when his time shall come to enter the unknown, and that they will continue indefinitely the patriotic work they have been doing these many years.

In Memoriam.

Mrs. CARRIE LORING, a past Department President of Massachusetts Woman's Relief Corps, died January 27, 1927. A noble woman has been called from her work in which she was very much interested. It was her life work and she had endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact.

LADIES OF THE G. A. R.

What I have said of the Woman's Relief Corps can be said of this organization. They are doing the same work in the same way. The only difference in them is, to join the Ladies of the G. A. R., a woman must be a relative of a Civil War soldier. They are as earnest and active, and are always ready when called upon.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS.

At the National Encampment held at Columbus, Ohio, September, 1888, Commander-in-Chief John P. Rea, in his address to the Encampment, said regarding the Sons of Veterans, "It will be but a short time until our ranks are so meagre and the surviving Comrades so weighed down with the burden of years that our organization will have ceased to be an active force in the work of loyal love and charity which it has ordained. The tender ceremonies of Memorial Day will then be performed by others or not at all. It seems to me it would be the part of wisdom for us while yet in our vigor to establish such relationship between our Order and the Sons of Veterans as to properly recognize that organization."

At the next Encampment at Milwaukee, in 1889, Commander-in-Chief William Warner said, "I earnestly hope that this Encampment will take such action as shall draw the young men closer to us. They are our sons. Our cause is their cause. They come as volunteers ready to march to our assistance; I say let us have the boys with us. The principles of their Order are true allegiance to the United States Government, based upon respect for and devotion and fidelity to its Constitution and laws, and to the discountenancing of anything that may tend to weaken loyalty or in any manner impair the efficiency and permanency of our National Union, to aid the members of the Grand Army in caring for the needy and dependent ones, and to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day, and to inculcate the principles of patriotism and love of country to all the people of our land."

The National Encampment in 1911 passed this resolution:

"Resolved: that this National Encampment Grand Army of the Republic invite the Sons of Veterans, United States of America, as their permanent official escorts on all occasions, and that all Departments and Posts of the Grand Army of the Republic are recommended to invite them to act in a similar capacity for their organizations." Commanders of Departments and of Posts are respectfully urged to note this direction and to govern themselves accordingly and to encourage this organization as much as possible. Since then, other wars have been fought and won by American soldiers and they have formed organizations along similar lines of the Grand Army of the Republic and we are glad to welcome them to our Fraternity. But in many instances they claim on Memorial Day the right to precede our Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the Memorial Day parade. The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War want the Department of Massachusetts to define their status and to declare that they, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, shall, as the legitimate heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, succeed them in the carrying on of the exercises of Memorial Day when the Grand Army of the Republic ceases to exist, or when a Post has surrendered its Charter or the Comrades have become too feeble to do the work themselves. I recommend that such action be taken.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS.

The Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are an active, vigorous and prosperous organization banded together to help their fathers and their fathers' comrades in their declining years. In the years to come they will feel as proud of the fact that they belonged to the organization as are today the Daughters of the American Revolution of their heritage. Let us encourage them in their work of love and loyalty and wish them godspeed.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS AUXILIARY.

An organization of loyal women who are organized to promote American patriotism and to assist, as best they may, the sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in their work for the Grand Army of the Republic. We greet them as loyal helpers and wish them every success.

COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

The County Associations are meeting places of the Grand Army at the present time and in the future. As our Posts grow smaller the interest in these association meetings increases for it is there we meet new faces and hear new voices and feel

the grip of a comrade who, if he did not serve in our unit, wore the same blue uniform and marched under the same flag. By all means let us continue them as long as one comrade can meet another.

OUR ALLIES.

The soldiers of the Civil War, of the Spanish American War, of the World War, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, have shown to the world the valor and heroism of the American soldier. The Grand Army of the Republic bids each and all of them godspeed. Let us all unite in teaching the children of our land the lessons of patriotism that go to make reliable citizens and true patriots.

NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

We left Boston on our way to Des Moines, Iowa, on schedule time, September 17, 1926, and all went well until Saturday night, when we ran into a cloudburst which flooded the country we were to pass over and swept away roads and bridges to such an extent that we were obliged to go back and take a circuitous route. We reached Des Moines twenty-four hours behind scheduled time. The sights we saw will not be soon forgotten. Water everywhere, animals swimming for their lives, cornfields submerged, and everything that would float, going with the current. On our arrival at Des Moines hotel, after some delay we were assigned our rooms.

The Convention was attended by the usual amount of clamor to be heard by some of the delegates. The propaganda that had been sent abroad that this was to be the last Encampment, was disposed of by a unanimous vote in the negative which was greeted with applause. The business of the Encampment was concluded by one o'clock on the second day and adjourned to meet at Dayton, Ohio, in 1927. The day of the parade it rained and the parade was postponed until 1.30 o'clock. At that time the rain continued to fall and autos were furnished to carry the Comrades over the route, but many objected to riding, and walked over the route in the rain. The Department of Massachusetts refused to ride and marched over the entire route. They received great applause as they marched as Massachusetts soldiers always march when on parade. One feature noticeable in Des Moines is that the children were placed in front and the grown-ups back of them, thus giving the children a chance to see the G. A. R. parade. The children were singing patriotic songs as the parade passed along. Many came home Friday night, many others came by themselves and stopped off at various points. All reported a good time.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS.

The elected and appointed officers of the Department have been ready and willing at all times to perform the duties required of them. To Assistant Adjutant-General Wilfred A. Wetherbee my hearty and sincere thanks are due for the many courtesies received, and for information concerning the workings of the Department, past and present. He is an encyclopedia of the Department. I have had two vices the past year, but they were good vices — the Senior Vice and the Junior Vice. They have proved worthy of the support you gave them one year ago, and have been ready and willing to respond to any call made upon them. Early last summer, Comrade Philip A. Nordell, the Headquarters' clerk, had a fall, breaking his shoulder and incapacitating him from doing his work at the Department. I appointed Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, a Past Department President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, to that position temporarily. Later Comrade Nordell sent in his resignation as Headquarters' clerk and I appointed Mrs. Helen A. Phinney to the office as Headquarters' clerk of the Department, and she has proved a very efficient officer. All the work performed by her has been very satisfactory to the Assistant Adjutant-General and to the Department Commander. We were very sorry for the accident to Comrade Nordell as, with his many years at Department Headquarters, he had endeared himself to all the comrades, and his gentle voice and quiet jokes are missed by all who call. God bless and care for him. My hearty and sincere thanks are herewith given to all who have been in any manner connected with the Department of Massachusetts during the year now closing.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Assistant Adjutant-General. I recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for the salary of the Headquarters' clerk. I recommend that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated to defray the travelling expenses of the Department-Commander, and of such other officers as he may detail to attend Camp-fires, County Associations and other functions at which it may be desirable that the Department should be officially represented. I recommend that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain Department Headquarters and to defray the expenses of the Department-Commander and of the Assistant Adjutant-General at the National Encampment to be held at Dayton, Ohio, during the week commencing September 11, 1927.

CONCLUSION.

Another year will have been added to the past and a new year begun at the close of this Encampment. The past year has been a very pleasant one to me. The Comrades of this Department and all auxiliary organizations have given me a cordial welcome at all times and in all places I have visited. I have attended twenty-five County Associations and have had and accepted very many invitations from the Woman's Relief Corps, the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War and the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary. The Woman's Relief Corps has been very active the past year and the members have done great work for their order. I bespeak for my successor the same good will and support that has been given to me. Any time a Comrade wants me he has but to call.

I remain, as ever, a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Department-Commander.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

BRAINTREE, MASS., March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

DEAR COMRADE:—In accordance with requirements of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R., I have the honor to submit my report as Senior Vice Department-Commander.

At the annual Encampment held in April, 1926, I was elected to the office of Senior Vice Department-Commander. Owing to the splendid service rendered by Department Commander Brown, there has not been much official work required of the Vice-Commanders. I did not attend the National Encampment as it came at a time when I was required to be present at my Town office. I have visited several County Association meetings, installations, anniversaries, and other social gatherings. I have been ready at all times to do anything I could for the welfare of any Comrade or his family. I want to thank my associate officers for the courtesies they have extended to me, and the Comrades for the great honor they conferred upon me.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

HENRY A. MONK, *Department Senior Vice-Commander.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE-COMMANDER.

WORCESTER, MASS., March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

DEAR COMRADE:—The honor is mine to render my report to you as Junior Vice-Commander, Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.

It has been a pleasant task to carry out every assignment given me by Department Commander Brown.

I have visited several County and Patriotic Associations, attended banquets and social gatherings of the G. A. R., the Sons and Daughters and other allied organizations.

I also attended the National Encampment at Des Moines, Iowa.

I desire to render thanks for courtesies received during the past year from Department-Commander William F. Brown, our efficient Assistant Adjutant-General Wilfred A. Wetherbee, and all other Department officers as well as all Comrades of our Department for the great honor conferred upon me in electing me as your Department Junior Vice-Commander.

Fraternally yours,

EDWIN J. FOSTER, *Department Junior Vice-Commander.*

REPORT OF MEDICAL DIRECTOR.

BROCKTON, MASS., March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

DEAR COMRADE:— I have the honor to report as Medical Director of the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R. At the annual Encampment held in April, 1926, I was elected Medical Director, and I appreciate the honor conferred upon me. Although I always visit my Comrades whenever I hear of their illness, I feel the most I can do for my beloved Comrades is a few words to cheer them. Their medical attendance is beyond my power. Although many are fast answering the last bugle call, many of the boys are still holding their own. I have visited fourteen Posts and several Conventions, and as a rule the general health of our boys is good, considering our ages. I have enjoyed my work and it has been a pleasure for me to represent the Department of Massachusetts, G. A. R.

Yours in F. C. & L.

SAMUEL J. WADE, *Medical Director.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHAPLAIN.

NORWOOD, MASS., March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General:*

COMRADE:— I have the honor to submit my annual report as follows: Out of 161 Posts in the Department last year, 137 reported Memorial Day services. All except two stated Sunday services were held also. Only 24 Posts therefore failed to report.

The reports sent show a deep and increasing interest in these Memorial Services for our heroic dead. Both unity and interest prevail among all our patriotic organizations including the American Legion, its auxiliary, and others. Some of the suggestions made in these reports for the improvement of these services are the following, and worthy of mention:

1. Fifteen boys of our public schools recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address in concert, and this was very impressive. Others might try it.

2. The Comrades of the G. A. R. should do all we possibly can to encourage the Sons of Union Veterans to continue their work in their camps, and increase their membership. Another suggests that they be made honorary members of our Posts.

3. All flags should be at half mast as these services are being held, and bells tolled, also more respect ought to be shown the flag by the people as the procession passes. There are other good suggestions. I wish I had time to mention them.

4. One Chaplain, however, suggests we are too old to make improvements.

Of course, Comrades, we are not as youthful, in years, as we were in '61-'65, but if we cultivate youthfulness of spirit, we can not only carry on our work as Posts but also improve it in some respects.

“What if grim age creeps on apace,
Our souls shall not grow old,
But we will stand as in the days
When we were warriors bold,
We stood for right for our dear land
For home and all that's true,
So firmly clasp hand unto hand
And comradeship renew.”

One Chaplain says we have never had more interest shown in our meetings and work than at present. Another reports all our members attend the Post meetings except one who is a helpless cripple. My own Post installed several of the members of Camp 47 as acting officers for the ensuing year, and we have adopted other features of interest. Comrades, we have not lost all the spring from our step yet, nor the alertness from our minds. So let us still carry on the good work inspired by the thought that under the leadership of our great Lincoln, and the help of Almighty God, we crushed the gigantic rebellion, set the slaves free, and caused the principles of our government to prevail throughout the world.

Yours in F. C. & L.
GEORGE W. NEAD, *Department Chaplain.*

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT-GENERAL.

BOSTON, March 1, 1927.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Department-Commander:*

COMRADE:— I have the honor to render my report as Assistant Adjutant-General for the year ending February 28, 1927. The following table shows the membership of the Department, December 31, 1926:

Number of Posts	152
Number of Comrades in good standing, Dec. 31, 1925	2,676
Number gained by muster-in	10
Number gained by transfer	9
Number gained by reinstatement	1
Number gained by delinquent reports	10
Total gain	30
Aggregate	2,706
Number of Comrades lost by death	445
Number lost by honorable discharge	3
Number lost by transfer	5
Number lost by suspension	2
Number lost by delinquent reports	51
Number lost by surrender of charter	21
Total loss	527
Number in good standing, December 31, 1926	2,179
Net loss	497
There has been reported expended in relief	\$14,940.53

The ranks of our Comrades at Headquarters have been broken by the death of our Judge Advocate Herbert C. Joyner, who was called January 5, 1927, and Comrade J. W. Poland a member of the Council of Administration, who crossed the river in April, 1926.

Each of these Comrades was deeply interested in the work of our order and was held in high esteem by his Comrades throughout the Department.

The following Posts, five in number, have surrendered their charters during the year: Post 6 of Holliston, 27 of Oxford, 108 of Georgetown, 157 of Walpole, and 212 of East Bridgewater.

On account of the failure to render their annual reports five posts were placed on the suspended list. I am pleased to report, however, that two of the five have forwarded their reports and are again on the honor roll.

Of the 152 Posts in good standing, 18 posts have 3 members or less; 17 Posts between 3 and 5, 45 Posts between 5 and 10, 37 Posts between 10 and 20, 18 Posts between 20 and 30, 12 Posts between 30 and 40, 1 Post 46 members, 1 Post 52, 1 Post 97, and 1 Post 108. Total membership, 2,179.

The attention of Post officers is again called to the fact that if it is found necessary to surrender the charter of a Post, it is necessary to advise the Department Headquarters of its intention, and must see that the charter and record books are either placed in the custody of a public library, or historical society, or returned to these Headquarters. A Post cannot surrender its charter so long as five members desire to retain it.

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP BY DISTRICTS, AND OF THE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT TO WHICH EACH DISTRICT IS ENTITLED IN 1927.

	COUNTIES.	Members.	Representatives.	
District No. 1 .	{ Barnstable Bristol Nantucket	{ 13 166 5 }	184	2
District No. 2	Plymouth	161	2	
District No. 3	Norfolk	143	2	
District No. 4	Suffolk	320	3	
District No. 5	Essex	425	4	
District No. 6	Middlesex	423	4	
District No. 7	Worcester	325	3	
District No. 8	Hampden	75	1	
District No. 9 .	{ Berkshire Franklin Hampshire	{ 52 44 47 }	143	1
		2,199	22	

The following table shows the membership by counties in detail:

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES.

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
132	<i>Barnstable County.</i> Sandwich	6	182	<i>Bristol County — Con.</i> Somerset	5
203	Bourne	3	190	New Bedford	33
204	Centerville	4	192	North Attleborough	8
	Total (3 Posts)	13		Total (9 Posts)	166
79	<i>Berkshire County.</i> North Adams	18	5	<i>Essex County.</i> Lynn	97
125	Pittsfield	25	34	Salem	46
196	Great Barrington	5	39	Lawrence	24
209	Williamstown	4	45	Gloucester	15
	Total (4 Posts)	52	47	Haverhill	39
			49	Newburyport	40
			50	Peabody	16
			67	Manchester	2
	<i>Bristol County.</i> New Bedford	21	82	Marblehead	20
1	Taunton	32	89	Beverly	24
3	Fall River	29	90	Danvers	17
46	Eastondale	7	95	Saugus	4
52	Attleboro	20	99	Andover	5
145	Mansfield	11	101	Groveland	6
170			106	Rockport	4

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Continued.*

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
	<i>Essex County — Con.</i>			<i>Middlesex County — Con.</i>	
114	Merrimac . . .	11		Natick . . .	20
118	Swampscott . . .	8	63	Medford . . .	13
122	Amesbury . . .	10	66	Stoneham . . .	22
128	Ipswich . . .	7	75	Watertown . . .	10
146	Lawrence . . .	23	81	Groton . . .	3
151	West Newbury . . .	3	115	Lexington . . .	5
152	Essex . . .	2	119	Lowell . . .	20
188	Beverly Farms . . .	2	120	West Acton . . .	12
	Total (23 Posts).	425	138	Somerville . . .	27
	<i>Franklin County.</i>		139	Everett . . .	8
17	Orange . . .	11	156	Woburn . . .	7
93	Shelburne Falls . . .	6	161	Framingham . . .	14
164	Conway . . .	4	163	Concord . . .	—
171	Northfield . . .	2	180	Lowell . . .	23
174	Greenfield . . .	21	185	Reading . . .	11
	Total (5 Posts) .	44	194	East Pepperell . . .	8
	<i>Hampden County.</i>		195	Total (31 Posts).	423
16	Springfield . . .	52		<i>Nantucket County.</i>	
41	Westfield . . .	9	207	Nantucket . . .	5
71	Holyoke . . .	14		Total (1 Post) .	5
	Total (3 Posts) .	75		<i>Norfolk County.</i>	
	<i>Hampshire County.</i>			East Weymouth . . .	27
85	Ware . . .	10	58	Franklin . . .	7
86	Northampton . . .	32	60	Stoughton . . .	16
147	Amherst . . .	—	72	South Braintree . . .	5
176	Huntington . . .	5	87	Quincy . . .	12
	Total (4 Posts) .	47	88	Canton . . .	7
	<i>Middlesex County.</i>		94	Milton . . .	8
4	Melrose . . .	19	102	Randolph . . .	17
9	Hudson . . .	8	110	Medfield . . .	2
12	Wakefield . . .	21	117	West Medway . . .	9
14	Hopkinton . . .	10	130	Plainville . . .	6
18	Ashland . . .	3	133	Brookline . . .	8
29	Waltham . . .	16	143	Dedham . . .	8
30	Cambridge . . .	19	144	Norwood . . .	7
33	Woburn . . .	3	169	Avon . . .	4
36	Arlington . . .	14	193	Total (15 Posts).	143
40	Malden . . .	29		<i>Plymouth County.</i>	
42	Lowell . . .	11		Middleborough . . .	23
43	Marlborough . . .	16	8	Brockton . . .	38
48	Ayer . . .	9	13	Scituate . . .	9
56	Cambridge . . .	8	31		
62	Newtonville . . .	34			

TABULATED REPORT BY COUNTIES — *Concluded.*

Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.	Number of Post.	LOCATION.	Number of Mem- bers.
	<i>Plymouth County —</i>			<i>Suffolk County—Con.</i>	
	Con.		199	Revere . . .	3
73	Abington . . .	10	200	Jamaica Plain . .	10
74	Rockland . . .	16			
76	Plymouth . . .	11		Total (18 Posts).	320
78	Whitman . . .	13			
83	Hanover . . .	5		<i>Worcester County.</i>	
104	Hingham . . .	8	10	Worcester . . .	108
111	Pembroke . . .	3	19	Fitchburg . . .	27
112	Norwell . . .	6	22	Milford . . .	13
154	Kingston . . .	1	24	Grafton . . .	4
165	Duxbury . . .	4	37	Spencer . . .	11
189	Marshfield Hills . .	8	38	Brookfield . . .	2
208	Wareham . . .	4	44	Southborough . .	6
			51	North Brookfield .	6
	Total (15 Posts).	161	53	Leominster . . .	21
			61	Webster . . .	14
	<i>Suffolk County.</i>		64	Clinton . . .	9
2	South Boston . . .	16	69	Westminster . . .	2
7	Boston . . .	29	70	Millbury . . .	4
11	Charlestown . . .	25	77	Holden . . .	3
15	Boston . . .	32	80	Westborough . . .	10
21	Boston . . .	3	105	Upton . . .	4
23	East Boston . . .	6	109	East Templeton . .	7
26	Roxbury . . .	34	116	Gardner . . .	14
32	South Boston . . .	6	123	Athol Center . . .	10
35	Chelsea . . .	32	135	Shrewsbury . . .	2
68	Dorchester . . .	28	140	Athol . . .	9
92	Brighton . . .	11	153	Winchendon . . .	8
113	Boston . . .	32	160	West Brookfield . .	5
121	Hyde Park . . .	17	168	Southbridge . . .	11
134	Boston . . .	13	173	Sturbridge . . .	7
159	East Boston . . .	6	179	Barre . . .	8
191	Boston . . .	17		Total (26 Posts).	325

In closing, I wish to acknowledge my appreciation of the services of the Headquarters' Clerk, Mrs. Helen A. Phinney, whom you appointed to take the place of our esteemed Comrade, Philip A. Nordell, who, on account of disability felt obliged to resign his position. Mrs. Phinney has been painstaking and correct in her work, and is a valuable assistant in this office.

To you, my dear friend and Commander, I can only say, it has been a pleasure to me to serve you and the Department during the year. We have been a happy family at Headquarters. And now as you lay down the duties of the position which you have filled with honor and credit, both to yourself and to the Department, my sincere wish is that you may enjoy many years of happiness, and when you review your life's pleasures you will find there are none brighter and happier than those you have enjoyed in your year as Commander of the Department of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.,

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

REPORT OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

Boston, March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

COMRADE: — I have the honor to submit herewith my report of the transactions of this office during the past year.

The following tables, which are supported by vouchers, show all receipts and expenditures of funds which have come into my possession:

INVESTED FUNDS.

March 1, 1926.		
Cash on hand	\$6,634 39	
Received interest, Boston Five Cents Savings Bank	108 23	
Received interest, East Cambridge Savings Bank	77 40	
Received interest, Home Savings Bank	50 12	
Received interest, Warren Institution for Savings	65 52	
Received interest, Provident Institution for Savings	19 52	
Transferred from General Fund	800 00	
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Total in savings banks		\$7,755 18
Invested in Liberty Bonds, March 1, 1926	\$5,000 00	
Transferred to General Fund	2,000 00	3,000 00
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Total on hand, March 1, 1927		\$10,755 18

GENERAL FUND.

Receipts.

March 1, 1926.		
Cash on hand	\$834 51	
Sale of supplies	94 20	
Interest, Atlantic Bank	5 47	
Interest on Liberty Bonds	344 37	
Woman's Relief Corps	456 50	
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War	365 66	
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War	800 00	
Sale of tickets	187 00	
Membership-at-large dues	12 00	
Premium on Liberty Bonds	51 54	
All other sources	8 00	
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	\$3,159 25	
Transferred to Invested Fund	800 00	
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	\$2,359 25	
Transferred from Invested Fund	2,000 00	
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	\$4,359 25	
Less expense	3,642 45	
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Cash on hand, February 28		716 80
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Cash in both funds		\$11,471 98

*Expenditures.***March 1, 1926.**

Alex. C. Morrill, printing	\$13 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for February	100 00	
Philip A. Nordell, salary for February	41 66	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	1 25	
W. A. Wetherbee, travelling	5 70	
Liggett & Co., germicide	1 19	
W. F. Brown, travelling	2 70	
V. H. Blackington, supplies	7 92	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	75	
H. N. Comey, travelling	104 99	
E. W. Gross, printing	3 84	
Western Union Co.	48	
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		\$283 48

April 1, 1926.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for March	\$100 00	
Philip A. Nordell, salary for March	41 66	
Griffith-Stillings Press, supplies	3 00	
L. E. Muran, supplies	6 80	
B. A. Ham, expenses for Army Nurses	2 50	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	6 40	
O'Neill & Parker, QM. bond	12 50	
S. S. Pierce Co., encampment expense	23 00	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	41 00	
Griffith-Stillings Press, letter-heads	4 50	
S. F. Murphy, janitor	5 00	
Baptist Social Union, Kingsley Hall	39 00	
Wm. Greene, teaming	3 00	
C. C. Whittemore, catering	250 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	20	
Bates Torrey, stenographer	110 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, stationery	2 15	
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		650 71
Transferred to invested fund		800 00

May, 1926.

J. R. Whipple Co., encampment expense	17 10	
W. F. Brown, travelling	11 08	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	13 20	
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for April	100 00	
Philip A. Nordell, salary for April	41 66	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	35	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	1 33	
E. J. Foster, travelling	10 21	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	5 40	
C. D. R. Stowits, supplies	35 28	
G. A. Hosley, encampment expense	3 00	
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		238 61

June, 1926.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for May	\$100 00	
P. A. Nordell, salary for May	41 66	
Alex. C. Morrill, rosters	93 00	
W. A. Wetherbee, travelling	14 20	
W. F. Brown, travelling	3 70	
A. C. Morrill, printing	8 50	
Boston Regalia Co., supplies	1 25	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	20	
Alex C. Morrill, printing	13 00	
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		275 51

July, 1926.

C. D. R. Stowits, per capita tax	\$133 35	
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for June	100 00	
P. A. Nordell, salary for June	41 66	
W. F. Brown, travelling	17 44	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	30	
H. A. Phinney, clerical service	2 00	
Liberty Bond, transferred to General Fund	1,000 00	
E. J. Foster, travelling	1 46	
W. A. Wetherbee, travelling	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,298 21

August, 1926.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for July	\$100 00	
P. A. Nordell, salary for July	41 66	
Damon & Co., supplies	1 85	
W. F. Brown, travelling	9 88	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	14 75	
U. S. Post Office	3 50	
Parcel post	15	
	<hr/>	171 79

September, 1926.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for August	\$100 00	
H. A. Phinney, salary for August	41 66	
U. S. Post Office, deposit on envelopes	4 53	
U. S. Post Office, stamps	2 00	
F. G. Hall, locksmith	1 75	
C. D. R. Stowits, supplies	7 56	
U. S. Post Office, stamps	80	
Expense, National Encampment	455 72	
Sampson Murdock Co., directory	10 00	
Express, flag box	5 67	
Stamped envelopes	25 00	
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October, 1926.

Helen A. Phinney, salary for September	\$41 66	
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for September	100 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	10	
William F. Brown, travelling	15 71	
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	11 50	
W. A. Wetherbee, travelling	9 88	
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November, 1926.

William F. Brown, travelling	\$26 52	
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for October	100 00	
Helen A. Phinney, salary for October	41 66	
E. J. Foster, travelling	4 85	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	20	
W. A. Wetherbee, supplies	1 25	
Stamps	30	
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December, 1926.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for November	\$100 00	
H. A. Phinney, salary for November	41 66	
A. C. Morrill, printing	18 00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	10	
W. Green, express	1 00	
U. S. Post Office, stamps	2 00	
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January, 1927.

New England Tel & Tel. Co.	\$0 20
Post cards and stamps	2 10
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for December	100 00
Helen A. Phinney, salary for December	41 66
W. F. Brown, travelling	13 74
Damon & Co., supplies	5 40
A. C. Morrill, printing	11 00
Damon & Co., supplies	90
C. D. R. Stowits, per capita tax	38 05

 \$213 05
February, 1927.

W. A. Wetherbee, salary for January	\$100 00
H. A. Phinney, salary for January	41 66
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	35
Alex. C. Morrill, printing	13 00
J. Newman & Sons, funeral wreath	5 00
William F. Brown, travelling	21 92
W. A. Wetherbee, travelling	8 34
W. A. Wetherbee, salary for February	100 00
Helen A. Phinney, salary for February	41 74

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 Total expense \$3,642 45
MERCHANDISE ACCOUNT.*Dr.*

On hand, March 1, 1926	\$140 10
Bought during the year	37 25
Profit and loss	36 45

 \$213 80
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Sold during the year	\$94 20
On hand, March 1, 1927	119 60

 \$213 80
ASSETS.**Invested Fund:**

East Cambridge Savings Bank	\$1,678 80
Warren Institution for Savings	1,505 64
Home Savings Bank	1,622 43
Five Cents Savings Bank	2,487 09
Provident Institution for Savings	461 22

 \$7,755 18

Liberty Bonds 3,000 00

 Total \$10,755 18
General Fund:

Atlantic Bank	\$702 03
Cash in safe	14 77

 716 80

Total \$11,471 98

Value of supplies	\$119 60
Colors	245 00
Office furniture	290 00

 \$654 60
LIABILITIES.

None.

Respectfully submitted,

EUGENE D. SANBORN, *Assistant Quartermaster-General.*

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR.

FRAMINGHAM, March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

The only report I can make as Department Inspector is that I have done nothing in the way of inspections, but I have had the honor of being a Department officer and I thank our Department-Commander, William F. Brown, for the appointment.

WILLIAM R. REED, *Department Inspector*.

REPORT OF CHIEF MUSTERING OFFICER.

PITTSFIELD, MASS., March 1, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

The Grand Army of the Republic is a unique organization — it is never recruited. In the early days of our Order recruits were at all times available and the duties of the mustering officer were greatly needed. But now he must stand at "attention" while the Grand Commander of all musters each Comrade into His services as the roll is called.

I thank the Department-Commander for the honor of my appointment and regret that I have been of so slight service, having practically no duty to perform.

In my home Post, 125 of Pittsfield, we have lost by death the past year over one-fifth of our membership and the percentage increases as the years roll on. But I am greatly pleased to see how loyally Comrades stand by the Order even when they are physically unable to attend the meetings of the Post. Our members are decreasing rapidly, but at no time in the history of the Grand Army has our influence for patriotism been stronger than today.

Yours in F. C. & L.,

EDWIN H. LINCOLN, *Chief Mustering Officer*.

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR.

ROCKLAND, MASS., March, 1927.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General*:

DEAR COMRADE:—Having received only forty reports from the Patriotic Instructors of the G. A. R. Posts, I can only make partial reports.

Owing to constant decrease of membership many posts are not filling the position of Patriotic Instructor.

From reports received I think that, with the help of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Spanish War Veterans, the American Legion boys and the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliaries, that the schools are visited, and that Memorial Day exercises are not losing their interest, but are successfully carried out in every city, town and village in the Commonwealth.

Four Patriotic Instructors have passed on since the last report.

I have the honor to remain,

Yours fraternally,

JOSHUA S. GRAY, *Department Patriotic Instructor*.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

BOSTON, March 1, 1927.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Department-Commander*:

The elected members of the Council of Administration for the year 1926-27 respectfully submit the following report:

The first meeting of the year was held April 30, 1926. With three exceptions all members were present.

It was voted that the next Department Encampment be held April 12 and 13, 1927.

It was also voted that the usual banquet be held, and the Assistant Adjutant-General was given full power to make all arrangements for both occasions.

Comrade Wetherbee was elected, with full power, to make all necessary arrangements regarding the trip to the National Encampment at Des Moines.

It was voted that a contract be closed with the Argonne Post Band of 25 pieces for \$143.00 to play for the parade at Des Moines.

A letter of sympathy was ordered sent to our Associate Comrade Poland on the death of his wife. (Comrade Poland has since passed away.)

The Commander appointed Comrades Webb, Webber and Fitzmeyer as auditors.

A letter was received from the Sons of Union Veterans regarding formation of Memorial Day parade, to which the following reply was sent:

"George B. Stratton, Middleboro. In reply to yours of April 21, regarding conditions at Falmouth, wherein you state that the American Legion in that town claim the right to prepare the Memorial Day program and of their further claim that Attorney-General Benton had rendered an opinion sustaining their claim, and wherein you ask for advice from these Headquarters, the Attorney-General informs us, not only has he rendered no opinion, but under the Statutes he would not be allowed to give it in such a case.

"Neither the Legion, or any other organization, has any right to interfere with the Sons regarding the decoration of graves, except by invitation. The Grand Army has voted that the Sons and our allied organizations, especially the Sons and Daughters, should carry on the work of decoration. Our advice would be for the Camp to call a conference with the Legion, and endeavor to come to an amicable understanding. It seems too bad that any controversy should arise over so sacred a matter.

"If such a conference is not satisfactory, then let the Sons make their own arrangements, and invite the Legion to join them as their guests. If the Legion declines the invitation, then the Sons will be justified in carrying out their own program, and allow the Legion to go as it pleases. Memorial Day is a purely Grand Army day and must be respected as such.

"Signed: WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*"

The resolution offered by P. D. C. Ham at the Department Encampment, and referred to this Council to investigate and report to the next Department Encampment was thoroughly discussed. Comrade Ham was called before the Council and gave his ideas regarding the matter.

The resolution reads as follows:

"*Resolved:* That this Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, by this Act create a commission of four Comrades of the Grand Army and one Son of a Veteran, to hold, as Trustees, a 'special fund' of the G. A. R. created by this act. The Chairman of said Trustees, Secretary and Treasurer shall give bonds to be paid from the 'special fund.' The Chairman shall sign all checks drawn by the Secretary, and pay them out as ordered by a majority of the Trustees.

"Of the \$12,000.00 now held by the Treasurer of the G. A. R. \$8,000.00 shall be paid over to the Board of Trustees of the 'special fund,' said 'special fund' to be used by the Board of Trustees to pay the per capita tax, and such sums to the Gov. John A. Andrew Home, as will take the place of the money being solicited from the Posts of the G. A. R., and such other expenses deemed necessary by the Board of Trustees.

"No official holding office, elected or appointed, in the State Department of the Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic shall be elected to the Board of Trustees of the 'special fund.'

"Any vacancy that may occur on the Board of Trustees, by death or otherwise, may be filled by the Trustees.

"Recommended for Trustees, Past Department Commanders, Henry Clark, John D. Billings, George H. Hosley, Alfred H. Knowles.

"For the Son of Veteran, Henry Weiler."

ACTION BY THE COUNCIL.

After thorough discussion, the Council expressed the unanimous opinion that the said resolution should not prevail, but that it should be rejected, and they so recommend.

We are of the opinion that this Department is fully capable of managing its own affairs, financial and otherwise, without creating any commissions clothed with the right to spend the fund for such purposes as it deems necessary, thus taking from the Department the right to use its funds as it wishes.

The resolution further provides that the commissioners elect their own successors, thus making it a close corporation, and not responsible to this Department for its actions.

Comrade Ham stated to the Council that if the eight thousand dollars was thus disposed of, we could go before the Legislature and ask for the one thousand dollars each year that we have been receiving from the State in recent years, and further stated that while they would not renew the appropriation if we had twelve thousand dollars, if the General Fund should be reduced to four thousand, and after that amount had begun to decrease, they might again vote us the one thousand dollars from the State Treasury.

The Council is of the unanimous opinion that after an honorable career of sixty years, this Department is not ready to stultify itself or to perpetrate a fraud upon the State Legislature which has been more than kind to our Department in past years, by any such means as are suggested by this resolution, that is, hiding eight thousand dollars in a Board of Commissioners, and allowing the opinion to go forth that we have but four thousand or less in our treasury.

The Council resents this attempt to smirch the splendid reputation of our Department and unanimously recommends the rejection of the resolution.

The closing meeting of the year was held February 25. The only business was the report of the Auditing Committee, which will be found in their formal report.

Six members were present.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, *Assistant Adjutant-General.*

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Boston, March 1, 1927.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, *Department-Commander:*

COMRADE: — The Auditing Committee respectfully reports that they have examined the books and accounts of the Assistant Quartermaster-General, and have found them correct, with vouchers for all charges made to February 25, 1927.

They have verified the cash, and find the total amount on hand March 1, 1927, to be \$11,471.98.

JAMES H. WEBB,
WILLIAM B. WEBBER, *Auditors.*



THOMAS J. AMES
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
1913 — 1914
DIED FEBRUARY 15, 1927

MUSTERED OUT
DURING THE YEAR ENDING DEC. 31, 1926.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 1, New Bedford.</i>				
Samuel S. Briden	Jan. 3	Private.	Co. D, 9 R. I. Infantry.	England
Henry C. Slosson	Jan. 23	Private.	Co. B, 1 R. I. Cavalry.	Clarence, N. Y.
Dudley C. Hathway	Mar. 26	Private.	26, Unattached.	Fall River, Mass.
Benjamin W. Taylor	Apr. 27	Seaman	Co. A, 18 Mass. Infantry	Nantucket, Mass.
Joseph Donaghy	Oct. 15	Private.	Tacomy, Ohio	North Ireland
			Minn. St. Lawrence	
			Co. E, 197 Penn. Infantry	
<i>Post 2, South Boston.</i>				
George D. Burrage	Jan. 2	Private.	Co. A, Unattached U. S. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Edward E. Brown	July 3	Private.	Co. C, Me. Battery	Brewer, Me.
Joseph W. Batchelder	Sept 10	Private.	Co. A, 10 N. H. Volunteer	Exeter, N. H.
John Farley	Nov. 6	Sergeant	Co. K, N. H. Volunteer Militia	Ireland
<i>Post 3, Taunton.</i>				
George W. Hunt	Jan. 26	Private.	Co. E, 2 Mass. Infantry	Sudbury, Mass.
Henry Dean White	Feb. 13	Sergeant	Co. B, 58 Mass. Infantry	Taunton, Mass.
George A. Crane	Mar. 25	Private.	Co. G, 4 Mass. Volunteer	Taunton, Mass.
Orlando Fales	May 20	Private, Corporal	Co. M, 3 R. I. Heavy Artillery	Saxonville, Mass.
William H. Cornwell	Aug. 21	Private.	Co. C, 5 Mass. Cavalry	Bridgewater, Mass.
Henry W. Francis	Sept. 18	Private.	Co. F, 7 Mass. Volunteer	Rehoboth, Mass.
<i>Post 4, Melrose.</i>				
Edward Ryan	Oct. 6	Private.	Co. D, 26 U. S. Regular Infantry	Ireland
William Riley	Oct. 17	Corporal	Co. F, 11 U. S. Regular Infantry	Limerick, Ireland
<i>Post 5, Lynn.</i>				
Lewis Granger	Jan. 16	Private.	Co. G, 61 Mass. Infantry	Danvers, Mass.
James Foss	Mar. 11	Private.	Co. H, 7 N. H. Infantry	Stratford, N. H.
Enoch T. Brown	Mar. 20	Private.	11 Unattached Mass. Infantry	Epsom, N. H.
George F. Skidmore	Mar. 21	Private.	Co. C, 12 Mass. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
Eben F. Dickson	May 13	Private.	58 Illinois Infantry	Salem, Mass.
Chandler F. Parker	May 28	Musician	Band, 2 R. I. and 50 Mass. Infantry	W. Buxford, Mass.
Byron D. Hoitt	May 31	Sergeant	Co. G, 8 Mass. Infantry	Northwood, N. H.
John P. Thomas	July 15	Private.	Co. G, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Danvers, Mass.
Charles H. Burt	Aug. 3	Private.	Co. D, 11 Vermont Infantry	Sheldon, Vt.
Alphameo Morrill	Aug. 10	Private.	Co. C, 48 Mass. Infantry	Salisbury, Mass.
Owen Kenney	Oct. 2	Saddler.	Co. A, 21 Mass. Infantry	England
			Co. F, 2 U. S. Cavalry	

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 5, Lynn—Cont.</i>				
Thomas H. Felter	Oct. 27	Corporal	Co. E, 13 N. Y. Cavalry	N. Brunswick, N. J.
Jacob R. Lowd	Oct. 28	Private	Co. A, 50 Mass. Infantry	Salem, Mass.
Stephen Burbank	Nov. 23	Corporal	Co. E, 1 Mass. Cavalry	Hiram, Me.
Charles H. Ramsdell	Dec. 6	Private	Co. G, 13 Maine Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
Eugene A. Green	Dec. 18	Sergeant	Co. D, 8 Mass. Infantry	Ireland
James H. Gallyon	Dec. 19	Drummer	Co. A, 12 N. J. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Garland A. Chamberlain	Dec. 21	1st Sergeant	14 Me. Infantry	Lynn, Mass.
		Private	29 Unattached	
			Co. F, 2 Mass. Infantry	
<i>Post 7, Boston.</i>				
Henry A. Bonnell	Jan. 22	Private	Co. B, 11 N. J. Infantry	Elizabeth, N. J.
Albert J. Rymes	Feb. 4	Private	Co. H, 6 Mass. Infantry	South Boston, Mass.
Hiram T. Tarbox	Aug. 29	Private	Co. D, 17 N. Y. Infantry	Conn.
P. J. Maguire	Oct. 18	Seaman	U. S. Navy	Boston, Mass.
Woodberry Day	Dec. 13	Private	Co. C, 5 Maine Infantry	Baltimore, Md.
William Bickford	Dec. 30	Private	Co. I, 4 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Maurie R. Barry	Dec. 31	Private	Co. I, 2 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
<i>Post 8, Middleborough.</i>				
Enoch Pratt	Apr. 18	Private	Co. M, 1 Heavy Artillery	Bridgewater, Mass.
Martin Hanley	Apr. 28	Private	Co. I, 57 N. Y. Infantry	Ottawa, Ill.
Sylvanus Tinkham	Mar. 28	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Infantry	Rochester, Mass.
John B. McFarlin	Nov. 15	Private	Co. C, 18 Infantry	Carver, Mass.
<i>Post 9, Hudson.</i>				
L. O. Hemenway	June 5	Private	6 Mass. Infantry	—
G. W. Swaney		Private	Co. I, 13 Maine Infantry	—
E. H. Sargent		Private	Co. C, 34 Mass. Infantry	—
F. E. Emery			2 Maine Light Battery	—
J. P. Clare			Co. E, 19 Mass. Infantry	—
A. M. Munroe			Co. G, 2 R. I. Infantry	—
<i>Post 10, Worcester.</i>				
Marcus M. Smith	Jan. 3	Private	Co. G, 14 N. H. Infantry	Keene, N. H.
C. L. Macomber	Jan. 23	Sergeant	Co. G, 1 R. I. Light Artillery	Sturbridge, Mass.
Chas. E. Morey	Jan. 29	Private	Co. B, 37 Mass. Infantry	Lee, Mass.
Henry A. Winn	Mar. 25	Private	Co. C, 51 Mass. Infantry	Grafton, Mass.
Bryan Cluff	Mar. 31	Corporal	Co. H, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Lehigh, Pa.
William H. Burt	Apr. 3	Private	Co. E, 25 Mass. Infantry	Freetown, Mass.
Warner Parsons	Apr. 6	Private	Co. B, 1 R. I. Light Artillery	Clarkburg, Mass.
E. E. Houghton	May 15	Private	Co. C, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Bolton, Mass.
Edward J. Curtis	June 4	Private	Co. H, 11 Vt. Infantry	W. Chelmsford, Mass.
Samuel B. Arnold	June 30	Corporal	Co. E, 13 Mass. Infantry	Roxbury, Mass.
Francis E. Towle	July 11	Private	Co. D, 1 Me. Cavalry	Winthrop, Me.
Alonzo R. Wells	July 11	Private	Co. A, 11 N. H. Infantry	Cambridge, Mass.
Herbert A. Kimball	Sept. 8	Sergeant	Co. F, 36 Mass. Infantry	Sutton, Mass.

William F. Miller	.	.	.	Sept. 16	Corporal	.	Co. E, 15 Mass., Infantry	.	Worcester, Mass.
F. W. Southwick	.	.	.	Sept. 27	Private	.	Co. F, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Millville, Mass.
Joel H. Prouty	.	.	.	Sept. 29	Corporal	.	Co. G, 6 Mass. Infantry	.	Spencer, Mass.
John Haas	.	.	.	Oct. 9	Lieutenant	.	Co. D, 51 Mass. Infantry	.	Germany
E. L. Moore	.	.	.	Oct. 15	Musician	.	Co. G, 25 Mass. Infantry	.	Worcester, Mass.
Geo. W. Mirick	.	.	.	Oct. 27	Corporal	.	Co. F, 1st N. H. Heavy Artillery	.	Worcester, Mass.
John A. Clark	.	.	.	Nov. 27	Private	.	Co. F, 51 Mass. Infantry	.	Princeton, Mass.
Jerome F. Cudwell	.	.	.	Dec. 10	Orderly to Gen. Devens	.	Co. I, 15 Mass. Infantry	.	Waldorboro, Me.
Joseph F. Pierce	.	.	.	Dec. 17	Private	.	Co. E, 14 Me. Infantry	.	Thompsonville, Conn.
Geo. H. Sherman	.	.	.	Dec. 20	Corporal	.	Co. K, 5 N. Y. Cavalry	.	Worcester, Mass.
Edmond E. Bond	.	.	.	Dec. 24	Private	.	Co. D, 15, Mass. Infantry	.	Millbury, Mass.
Chas. J. Lakin	.	.	.	Dec. 29	Private	.	13 Unattached Company, Mass. Infantry	.	Marlboro, Mass.
<i>Post 11, Charlestown.</i>									
James O. Brown	.	.	.	Feb. 19	Private	.	Co. F, 6 Mass. Volunteers	.	Boston, Mass.
James Burrows	.	.	.	May 19	Sergeant	.	Co. H, 16 Mass. Volunteers	.	Boston, Mass.
Bernard Magee	.	.	.	July 5	Private	.	Co. H, 4 Mass. Cavalry	.	Ireland
Isaac W. Derby	.	.	.	Aug. 4	Second Lieutenant	.	Co. H, 1st V. R. C.	.	Fairlee, Vt.
<i>Post 12, Wakefield.</i>									
J. W. Poland	.	.	.	May 12	Surgeon	.	U. S. S. "Nyack"	.	-
<i>Post 13, Brockton.</i>									
George A. Lackey	.	.	.	May 31	Sergeant	.	Co. K, 3 Mass. Cavalry	.	Hopkinton, Mass.
Seth M. Hall	.	.	.	July 16	Private	.	Co. C, 60 Mass. Infantry	.	Plymouth, Mass.
Elmer H. Totman	.	.	.	July 31	Private	.	Co. G, 4 Mass. Cavalry	.	Weymouth, Mass.
Francis S. Pratt	.	.	.	Nov. 2	Private	.	Co. H, 35 Mass. Infantry	.	Weymouth, Mass.
Dexter E. Wilbar	.	.	.	Dec. 14	Private	.	Co. C, 60 Mass. Infantry	.	Brockton, Mass.
<i>Post 14, Hopkinton.</i>									
Horace Phipps	.	.	.	July 5	Private	.	Co. C, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Hopkinton, Mass.
<i>Post 15, Boston.</i>									
Elihu L. Vaughn	.	.	.	Jan. 17	Fireman	.	U. S. S. "Cherokee"	.	New Hampshire
Soloman D. Grimes	.	.	.	Mar. 1	Private	.	Co. F, 35 Mass. Infantry	.	Rockport, Mass.
Lemuel Q. Morton	.	.	.	Apr. 12	Private	.	Co. D, 6 Mass. Infantry	.	Boston, Mass.
John W. Cheney	.	.	.	May 11	Private	.	Co. E, 24 Mass. Infantry	.	Saugus, Mass.
Charles H. Johnson	.	.	.	May 9	Private	.	Co. H, 8 Mass. Infantry	.	Springfield, Mass.
Andrew J. Alexander	.	.	.	June 7	Private	.	Co. C, 41 Mass. Infantry	.	Cumberland, R. I.
Joseph A. Sawyer	.	.	.	Aug. 2	Private	.	Co. C, 51 N. Y. Infantry	.	Andover, Mass.
John F. Mead	.	.	.	Aug. 18	First Lieutenant	.	Co. A, 38 Mass. Infantry	.	Cambridge, Mass.
Frank A. Densmore	.	.	.	Aug. 13	Private	.	Co. G, 2 Maine Infantry	.	Newport, Me.
Joseph Dugan	.	.	.	Sept. 17	Private	.	Co. L, 31 Maine Infantry	.	-
Frank Gardner	.	.	.	Oct. 24	Private	.	U. S. Signal Corps	.	Boston, Mass.
Henry M. Brown	.	.	.	Nov. 27	Private	.	Co. C, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	Greenwich, Mass.
	.	.	.			.	1 and 12 Mass. Battery	.	
	.	.	.			.	Co. I, 52 Mass. Infantry	.	

NAME	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 16, Springfield.</i>				
Melzar H. Mosman	Jan. 11	Private.	Co. D, 46 Mass. Infantry	-
George W. Haskell	Jan. 26	Private.	Co. B, 37 Mass. Infantry	-
David Clark	Jan. 30	Private.	Co. F, 13 Ohio Infantry	-
Ebenezer Kennedy	Feb. 4	Private.	Co. K, 6 U. S. Infantry	-
George M. Burnham	Mar. 13	Private.	Co. K, 11 N. J. Infantry	-
Bert M. St. Clair	Mar. 21	Private.	Co. E, 31 Mass. Infantry	-
Horace L. Richardson	Apr. 12	Private.	Co. E, 3 Mass. Cavalry	-
James Anderson	Apr. 19	Private.	Co. C, 52 Mass. Infantry	-
James B. Keene	Apr. 19	Private.	Co. M, 31 Maine Infantry	-
Daniel W. Brown	Apr. 22	Private.	Co. E, 1 Penn. Cavalry	-
Benjamin F. Bevins	June 2	Private.	Co. D, 127 Penn. Infantry	-
Lewis J. Gibbs	July 12	Private.	Co. A, 2 Mass. Infantry	-
Stephen J. Ayers	Aug. 12	Seaman	Co. A, 96 N. Y. Infantry	-
Almon Van Wagoner	Aug. 18	Private.	Co. B, 11 Maine Infantry	-
Henry M. Cooley	Sept. 1	Private.	Co. H, 8 Maine Infantry	-
Charles E. Gaines	Sept. 22	Seaman	U. S. Navy	-
Erastus M. Bartlett	Oct. 1	Private.	Co. A, 14 Conn. Infantry	-
George J. Jones	Nov. 11	Private.	U. S. Navy	-
<i>Post 17, Orange.</i>				
Arthur F. Slate	Mar. 15	Captain	Co. D, 8 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Manchester, Conn.
Henry W. Kidder	Apr. 17	Private.	Co. A, 53 Mass. Volunteers	Warwick, Mass.
<i>Post 19, Fitchburg.</i>				
Frank A. Alvord	Jan. 23	Private.	Co. G, 10 Conn. Infantry	Vernon, Vt.
Chas. H. Osgood	Mar. 14	Private.	Co. H, 53 Mass. Volunteers	Milford, N. H.
Geo. W. Chandler	Jan. 29	Private.	Co. C, 16 N. H. Infantry	Piermont, N. H.
Alonzo F. Warren	Mar. 21	Private.	Co. B, 15 N. H. Infantry	Goffstown, N. H.
Albert McCousland	Apr. 15	Private.	Co. F, N. H. National Guard	Maine
Benj. D. Burgess	June 19	Private.	Co. F, 28 Maine Infantry and U. S. N.	Brookline, N. H.
Josiah W. Bride	June 22	Private.	Co. G, 3 N. H. Infantry	Berlin, Mass.
James A. Litchfield	June 23	Private.	Co. I, 5 Mass. Infantry	Lunenburg, Mass.
J. Calvin Spaulding	June 28	Private.	Co. F, 40 Mass. Infantry	Fitchburg, Mass.
<i>Post 21, Roxbury.</i>				
Henry Epple	Apr. 18	Private.	Co. A, 53 Mass. Infantry	Germany
<i>Post 22, Milford.</i>				
J. Warren Richardson	Feb. 26	Private.	Co. E, 13 Mass. Infantry	So. Reading, Mass.
Charles R. Hill	Mar. 10	Corporal	Co. E, 1 Batt. Heavy Artillery	Holden, Mass.
Edwin M. Wheelock	May 21	Musician	Co. D, 25 Mass. Infantry	Mendon
Alexander B. French	June 17	Musician	Co. B, 25 Mass. Infantry	West Brook, Me.
Frank N. Bell	Nov. 10	Corporal	Co. A, 6 Mass. Infantry	Concord, Vt.
William Emery	Nov. 22	Captain	Co. F, 36 Mass. Infantry	Lunenburg, Mass.
			Co. B, 25 Mass. Infantry	

Post 23, East Boston.

Edward Preble . . .
John McNaught . . .
Dennis McCarthy . . .

Post 26, Roxbury

Frank W. Monros . . .
Franklin B. Mason . . .
Wilbur F. Wilder . . .

Post 29, Waltham.

Charles D. Fiske . . .
James A. Barrows . . .
Rollins H. Swett . . .

Post 30, Cambridge.

Edwin C. Langley . . .
William A. Tarbell . . .
Cyrus B. Morse . . .
John F. Murray . . .
James A. Short . . .
John Jones . . .
Thomas B. Gaskins . . .

Post 31, Scituate.

George S. Bates . . .

Post 32, South Boston.

Bartholomew Linnahan . . .
John Weigel . . .
John Murphy . . .

Post 34, Salem.

John W. Ray . . .
Edward H. Pierson . . .
Henry O. Prescott . . .
Arthur J. Miller . . .
Frank F. Johnson . . .
Chas. H. Howe . . .
Edward C. Beckett . . .
William N. Goodrich . . .

Post 35, Chelsea.

Albert C. Ballard . . .
Charles B. Yeaton . . .
Fred F. Marshall . . .
Chas. E. Davison . . .

Mar. 22	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. I, 13 Maine Infantry	.	Maine
May 5	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. E, 13 Mass. Infantry	.	Maine
May	—	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	Ireland
Feb. 14	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 42 Mass. Infantry	.	Roxbury, Mass.
June 21	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 10 Mass. Infantry	.	Windsor, Mass.
Oct. 13	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 18 Wisconsin Infantry	.	Ludlow, Mass.
Oct. 8	Landsman	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Flag" O. S.	.	Waltham, Mass.
Nov. 28	Drum Major	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Princeton"	.	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 16	Bugler	.	.	.	16 Maine Reg. Volunteers	.	Bowdoinham, Me.
Jan. 12	First Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. H, 71 N. Y. Infantry	.	Boston, Mass.
Jan. 15	Private	.	.	.	Co. A, 38 Mass. Infantry	.	Cambridge, Mass.
Mar. 28	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 12 Unattached Infantry	.	Cambridge, Mass.
July 3	Private	.	.	.	5 Mass. Battery	.	Cambridge, Mass.
July 5	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 61 Mass. Infantry	.	St. John, N. B.
Sept. 8	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 10 Mass. Infantry	.	Pittsfield, Mass.
Oct. 7	Private	.	.	.	Co. I, U. S. Infantry	.	Augusta County, Va.
May 25	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 43 Mass. Infantry	.	Scituate, Mass.
	Seaman	.	.	.	U. S. S. "Richmond"	.	
Mar. 16	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, New Jersey Artillery	.	Boston, Mass.
Mar. 24	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, Sixth Mass. Infantry	.	Germany
Nov. 27	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 48 Mass. Infantry	.	Boston, Mass.
	Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. C, 19 U. S. Infantry	.	
Jan. 13	Sergeant	.	.	.	Co. M, 2 Mass. Cavalry	.	Salem, Mass.
Feb. 12	Corporal	.	.	.	Co. A, 23 Mass. Infantry	.	Portland, Me.
Feb. 18	Private	.	.	.	Co. M, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Methuen, Mass.
Mar. 9	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 22 Mass. Infantry	.	Salem, Mass.
Mar. 29	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Peabody, Mass.
May 30	Private	.	.	.	Co. F, 3 Mass. Cavalry	.	Braintree, Mass.
Oct. 11	Seaman	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	Salem, Mass.
Dec. 25	Private	.	.	.	C. I, 6 Mass. Volunteers	.	Georgetown, Mass.
May 6	Private	.	.	.	3 U. S. Artillery	.	Vassalboro, Me.
Aug. 15	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 3 Maine Infantry	.	Portsmouth, N. H.
Aug. 25	Private	.	.	.	Co. H, 47 Mass. Volunteers	.	Needham, Mass.
Sept. 28	Private	.	.	.	Co. B, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	Chelsea, Mass.
	Private	.	.	.	Co. D, 2 Reg. Cavalry	.	

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 35, Chelsea—Cont.</i>				
Doctor May	Oct. 3	Private .	Co. A, 117 U. S. Infantry	Petersburg, Va.
William J. Young	Dec. 13	Sailmaker Mate	U. S. S. "Minnesota"	St. George, Me.
<i>Post 36, Arlington.</i>				
David M. Lackie	Nov. 15	Private .	Co. K, 5 N. H. Infantry	Scotland
Henry A. Gorham	Dec. 24	Private .	1 N. H. Battery Naval Brigade Co. L, 13 New York Heavy Artillery	Yarmouth, Mass.
<i>Post 39, Lawrence.</i>				
Michael McCue	Apr. 6	Private .	Co. E, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Worcester, Mass.
<i>Post 41, Westfield.</i>				
Frederick A. Rich	—	Captain .	Co. H, 21 Conn. Infantry	—
Cecil E. Bartlett	June 10	Private .	Co. K, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	—
<i>Post 42, Lowell.</i>				
C. E. Brackett	Jan. 6	Private .	1 N. H. Heavy Artillery	Durham, N. H.
Ralph D. Plumstead	Jan. 5	Private .	Co. B, 52 N. Y. Infantry	Hector, N. Y.
Nathan G. Lamson	May 13	Private .	6 Mass. Infantry	Lowell, Mass.
Peter Le Clair	Sept. 11	Private .	Co. I, 6 Vt. Infantry	—
<i>Post 43, Marlborough.</i>				
Benjamin Franklin Hatstat	Aug. 18	Private .	Co. H, 6 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Thomas Gateley	Nov. 10	Private .	Co. F, 1st Mass. Cavalry	Ireland
<i>Post 45, Gloucester.</i>				
E. G. Winchester	Mar. 19	Private .	Co. C, 23 Mass. Infantry	—
Joseph A. Moore	Sept. 21	Captain .	Co. G, 17 Mass. Infantry	—
<i>Post 46, Fall River.</i>				
Edward Meadow Croft	Apr. 13	Private .	Co. G, 26 Mass. Infantry	England
Jeremiah H. Sullivan	May 8	Seaman .	U. S. Navy	Ireland
Albert S. Orswell	May 23	Private .	Co. F, 3 R. I. Heavy Artillery	Tiverton, R. I.
Jeremiah Sullivan	Aug. 5	Seaman .	U. S. Navy	Ireland
Thomas Coberry	Sept. 19	Private .	Co. I, 2 U. S. Artillery	Ireland
Freeman Nickerson	Oct. 11	Orderly .	U. S. Navy	Fall River, Mass.
Patrick Kelley	Nov. 21	Seaman .	U. S. Navy	England
<i>Post 47, Haverhill.</i>				
Marshall Lamb	Feb. 5	Private .	Co. A, 1 U. S. Colored Troops	North Carolina
Daniel W. Grace	Feb. 14	Private .	Co. M, 3 U. S. Artillery	Boston, Mass.
George W. Morrill	Apr. 1	Private .	Co. H, 11 Mass. Infantry	E. Kingston, N. H.
Herbert H. Smith	May 17	Private .	Co. K, 14 N. H. Vol. Infantry	Sandwich, N. H.
Daniel W. Hammond	May 30	Private .	Co. E, 8 Mass. Infantry	Salem, Mass.
Henry A. Hitchcock	July 17	Major .	Co. B, 23 Mass. Infantry	Gloucester, Mass.
		Sergeant	Co. A, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	

William Jenkins	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	9 Mass. Light Artillery Battery	.	.	Andover, Mass.
Edward P. Pike	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. M, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	.	.	Salisbury, Mass.
John W. Martin	.	.	.	.	.	.	Corporal	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 11 Vt. Volunteers	.	.	Calais, Vt.
<i>Post 48, Ayer.</i>															
Henry Leavitt	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	16 N. H. Infantry	.	.	Cornish, N. H.
J. Everett Woods	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, Mass. Volunteers	.	.	Pepperell, Mass.
Wesley O. Hawkes	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. K, 60 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Heath, Mass.
Henry C. Sherwin	.	.	.	.	.	.	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 2 Mass. Infantry	.	.	West Townsend, Mass.
<i>Post 49, Newburyport.</i>															
Abraham G. Dow	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 17 Maine Infantry	.	.	Amesbury, Mass.
James Sinclair	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 62 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Ireland
George P. True	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 40 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	Amesbury, Mass.
Thomas W. Cogger	.	.	.	.	.	.	Seaman	.	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	.	Newburyport, Mass.
Dennis Dwyer	.	.	.	.	.	.	Musician	.	.	.	.	Co. A, 17 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Newburyport
Silas W. Boyden	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. K, 58 Mass. Infantry	.	.	West Newbury, Mass.
William B. O'Brien	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. D, 28 Mass. Infantry	.	.	England
John T. Perkins	.	.	.	.	.	.	Corporal	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 13 N. H. Infantry	.	.	Mt. Vernon, N. H.
Joseph F. Chase	.	.	.	.	.	.	Seaman	.	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	.	Newburyport, Mass.
Samuel C. Stevens	.	.	.	.	.	.	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 48 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Salisbury, Mass.
<i>Post 50, Peabody.</i>															
Daniel Horrigan	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. H, 95 N. Y. Infantry	.	.	Ireland
Charles E. Carr	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 5 Mass. Infantry	.	.	So. Danvers, Mass.
John M. Bradford	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. F, 2 Vt. Infantry	.	.	Plainfield, Vt.
Mathews Meehan	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. G, 17 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Ireland
<i>Post 53, Leominster.</i>															
Patrick Kenefick	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 53 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Ireland
William W. Rodgers	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 12 Vt. Infantry	.	.	Hartland, Vt.
<i>Post 60, Franklin.</i>															
Charles P. Brann	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. B, 16 Maine Infantry	.	.	Gardner, Me.
Anthony Connor	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	2 Maine Battery	.	.	Providence, R. I.
<i>Post 61, Webster.</i>															
Walter T. Fox	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. I, 18 Mass. Infantry	.	.	Pomfret, Conn.
<i>Post 62, Newtonville.</i>															
Thomas Bradley	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	U. S. Engineers	.	.	-
George M. Campbell	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. F, 3 Ill. Infantry	.	.	-
William H. Cunningham	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	U. S. Navy	.	.	-
John Flood	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	15 and 16 Unattached Co.	.	.	-
Charles W. Sweetland	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. C, U. S. Engineers	.	.	-
<i>Post 63, Adams.</i>															
John Ryan	.	.	.	.	.	.	Sergeant	.	.	.	.	Co. C, 28 Mass. Infantry	.	.	-
George H. Adams.	.	.	.	.	.	.	Private	.	.	.	.	Co. K, 61 Mass. Infantry	.	.	-
	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	Co. M, 7 U. S. Cavalry	.	.	-
	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	Co. C, 44 Mass. Infantry	.	.	-

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 63, Natick.</i>				
Ross Mathews	June 12	Sergeant	Co. F, 82 N. Y. Volunteers	Ireland
F. P. Hosmer	Nov. 9	Private .	Co. B, 40 Mass. Infantry	Concord, Mass.
<i>Post 64, Clinton.</i>				
George S. Gibson	Aug. 20	Private .	2 Heavy Artillery	Hopkinton, Mass.
Thomas Burgess	Oct. 15	Private .	Co. C, 15 Mass. Infantry	England
<i>Post 66, Medford.</i>				
Albert Mason	Jan. 29	Private .	Co. A, 1 N. H. Artillery	New Hampshire
Albert Patch	May 17	Sergeant	Co. E, 1 Vt. Artillery	Vermont
Charles W. Libby	June 2	Private .	Co. D, 5 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Geo. K. Russell	Sept. 1	Sergeant	Co. G, 15 N. H. Infantry	New Hampshire
<i>Post 68, Dorchester.</i>				
Joseph Ochs	Mar. 18	Private .	Co. G, 13 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Boston, Mass.
Rufus F. Cheney	May 19	Sergeant	Co. M, 6 N. Y. Heavy Artillery	Dedham, Mass.
Charles E. Miller	July 2	Private .	Co. D, 43 Mass. Infantry	Acton, Me.
Simon F. Curran	Oct. 8	Private .	Co. F, 4 N. H. Infantry	E. Boston, Mass.
<i>Post 69, Westminster.</i>				
Jessie F. Coombs	Feb. 16	Private .	Co. M, 1 Me. Cavalry	Monmouth, Me.
<i>Post 71, Holyoke.</i>				
William L. Bishop	Jan. 9	Private .	Co. F, 31 Mass. Infantry	Belchertown, Mass.
Robert Corbett, alias William Sherman	Feb. 10	Private .	Co. L, 31 Mass. Infantry	Pittsfield, Mass.
Michael Wolohan	Mar. 8	Private .	Co. D, 1 U. S. Cavalry	Ireland
R. T. Prentiss	Apr. 25	Private .	Co. F, 16 N. H. Infantry	Acworth, N. H.
Samuel V. Fales	Apr. 12	Private .	Co. E, 4 Me. Infantry	Thomastown, Me.
Timothy Ryan	June 26	Private .	Co. H, 2 Conn. Heavy Artillery	Ireland
Carl Lippmann	Sept. 10	Private .	Co. K, 27 Mass. Infantry	Germany
William H. Blanchard	Dec. 14	Private .	Co. F, 142 N. Y. Infantry	Holyoke, Mass.
<i>Post 72, Stoughton.</i>				
William J. Lawless	Apr. 13	Private .	Co. E, 35 Mass. Infantry	Stoughton, Mass.
Myron Rounds	Apr. 16	Private .	Co. L, 10 R. I. Light Artillery	Coventry, R. I.
<i>Post 74, Rockland.</i>				
Jeremiah B. Donovan	Jan. 15	Private .	15 Battery	Boston, Mass.
Charles F. Sears		Private .	Co. E, 21 N. Y. Cavalry	Bennington, Vt.
Patrick Meade	Oct. 15	Sergeant	U. S. S. "Powhattan"	Ireland
Oscar W. Bates	Nov. 13	Coal Heaver	Co. A, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	East Abington, Mass.
<i>Post 75, Stoneham.</i>				
H. H. Lufier	Aug. 26	Private .	Co. G, 13 Mass. Volunteers	Roxbury, Mass.
James O. Loughlin	Apr. 26	Private .	Co. I, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Ireland

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NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 90, Danvers—Cont.</i>				
George F. Averill	July 27	Private	Co. I, 6 Mass. Infantry	Topsfield, Mass.
J. Albert Blake	Nov. 27	Landsman	— — — — —	— — — — —
<i>Post 92, Brighton.</i>				
Thomas E. McNamara	Feb. 22	Private	Co. E, 1 Mass. Cavalry	Brighton, Mass.
Edwin T. Knowlton	Mar. 4	Private	Co. K, 6 Mass. Infantry	Framingham, Mass.
A. B. Collier	Nov. 8	Corporal	Co. G, 23 N. Y. Cavalry	Mt. Morris, N. Y.
W. A. Wentworth	Nov. 11	Private	11 Mass. Battery	Brighton, Mass.
<i>Post 93, Shelburne Falls.</i>				
William E. Crown	May 29	Private	Co. F, 8 Vt. Infantry	Milton, Vt.
James E. Austin	Oct. 16	Private	Co. H, 10 Mass. Infantry	Springfield, Mass.
<i>Post 95, Saugus.</i>				
Augustus H. Sutherland	Feb. 9	Private	Co. G, 16 Me. Reg.	Lisbon, Me.
Daniel K. Knox	June 3	First Sergeant	Co. G, 15 Me. Volunteers	Blackstone, Mass.
<i>Post 94, Canton.</i>				
Chas. H. Priest	Feb. 11	Private	Co. K, 5 Mass. Infantry	Watertown, Mass.
Chas. A. Dunakin	Nov. 3	Private	Co. A, 4 Mass. Infantry	Sharon, Mass.
<i>Post 99, Andover.</i>				
Patrick Conway	June 21	Private	Co. C, 1 R. I. Cavalry	Ireland
John H. Steward	Sept. 21	First Sergeant	Co. C, 24 Me. Infantry	St. Albans, Vt.
<i>Post 102, Milton.</i>				
Augustus F. Emery	Mar. 23	Private	Co. E, 1 Mass. Infantry	Fitchburg, Mass.
<i>Post 105, Upton.</i>				
Chas. Henry Johnson	Apr. 3	Sergeant	Co. D, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	— — — — —
<i>Post 106, Rockport.</i>				
Henry C. Davis	Dec. 24	Private	Co. E, 16 Vt. Infantry	Springfield, Vt.
<i>Post 109, East Templeton.</i>				
Dwight Cleveland	Feb. 7	Private	Co. K, 34 Mass. Infantry	Hardwick, Mass.
Martin K. Powers	Apr. 26	Private	Co. K, 9 Vt. Infantry	Westminster, Mass.
Chas. F. Tenney	Oct. 12	Corporal	Co. C, 25 Mass. Volunteers	Hubbardston, Mass.
<i>Post 110, Randolph.</i>				
Patrick M. Kiley	Feb. 24	Seaman	U. S. S. "Ohio"	Ireland
William A. Croak	Apr. 18	Sergeant	U. S. S. "Currier" and U. S. S. "N. Carolina"	— — — — —
		First Lieutenant	Co. L, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Randolph, Mass.
			1 Batt. Heavy Artillery	— — — — —
<i>Post 111, Pembroke.</i>				
Francis J. Crafts	Nov. 30	Private	Co. B, 52 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.

Post	Rank	Company	Regiment	Location
Post 112, Norvell.	Edwin Studley			Scituate, Mass.
Post 113, Boston.	Herbert Merriam			
	Charles W. Reed			
	Daniel T. S. Leland			
	Harrison G. O. Colby			
Post 114, Merrimac.	Daniel Means			Freeport, Me.
	Benjamin F. Wakefield			Brownfield, Me.
	John E. Bean			Boston, Mass.
	Richard B. Yeaton			Newcastle, N. H.
Post 115, Groton.	Warner H. Souther			Littleton, Mass.
Post 116, Gardner.	Albert Mason			Newfane, Vt.
	Amos H. Eaton			So. Gardner, Mass.
	Mark Harrington			Pomfret, Vt.
	Moses P. Fiske			Wallingford, Vt.
Post 117, Medfield.	George E. Pettis			Holliston, Mass.
	James Warren Clark			E. Medway, Mass.
Post 120, Lowell.	William Hannaford			Billerica, Mass.
	Meldon S. Giles			Newfield, Me.
	Matthews T. Ward			England
Post 121, Hyde Park.	Henry S. Bunton			Manchester, N. H.
	William King			Niagara Falls, N. Y.
	John Brooks			Roxbury, Mass.
	Alfred Day			Walpole, Mass.
Post 123, Athol.	Henry H. Lindsey			New Salem
	George A. Gibbs			Prescott, Mass.
Post 125, Pittsfield.	Horace W. Blake			Pittsford, N. Y.
	William J. Hudson			Wellington, Conn.
	Fred W. Kingsley			Canaan, N. Y.
	Edward C. Reagan			Birmingham, Conn.
	Joseph Nartineaux			Black Brook, N. Y.
	Edwin Shumway			Reno, Mass.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 123, Ipswich.</i>				
James A. Lord . . .	Mar. 18	Private . . .	Co. B, 28 Mass. Infantry . . .	Brooklyn, N. Y.
James H. Hall . . .	Mar. 21	Private . . .	Co. A, 5 N. H. Infantry . . .	Gloucester, Mass.
Chas. W. Bamford . . .	Sept. 3	Private . . .	Co. L, 1 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . .	Ipswich, Mass.
Eben L. Thomas . . .	Oct. 26	Seaman . . .	Gunboats "Curlew" and "Potonska" . . .	Ipswich, Mass.
Isaac W. Mitchell . . .	Nov. 13	Private . . .	Co. K, 19 Me. Infantry . . .	Bath, Me.
<i>Post 130, Medway.</i>				
John J. Nolan . . .	Feb. 7	Private . . .	Co. B, 5 N. Y. Infantry . . .	Boston, Mass.
<i>Post 133, Plainville.</i>				
Amos Anderson . . .	Apr. 3	Corporal . . .	Co. E, 27 Me. Infantry . . .	—
Norman Hall . . .	May 11	Sergeant . . .	Co. I, 7 Mass. Infantry . . .	—
<i>Post 138, West Acton.</i>				
Alonzo Joy . . .	Aug. 19	Sergeant . . .	Co. G, 30 Mass. Infantry . . .	So. Berwick, Me.
<i>Post 139, Somerville.</i>				
George H. Goss . . .	Jan. 10	Private . . .	Co. B and C, 17 Mass. Infantry . . .	Danvers, Mass.
Robert Butterworth . . .	Jan. 10	Private . . .	Co. B, 50 Mass. Infantry . . .	England
George W. French . . .	Mar. 26	Private . . .	U. S. S. "Sonoma" . . .	Amesbury, Mass.
Nathaniel D. P. Foster . . .	Apr. 13	Private . . .	Co. E, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . .	Ludlow, Vt.
Charles O. Strout . . .	Apr. 25	Private . . .	Co. A, 2 Mass. Infantry . . .	Freedom, Me.
Lewis G. Keene . . .	June 21	Sergeant . . .	Me. Coast Guard . . .	East Boston, Mass.
Andrew J. Claffey . . .	Oct. 22	Sergeant . . .	Co. A, 4 U. S. Artillery . . .	Ireland
Sydney E. Hayden . . .	Oct. 23	Corporal . . .	Co. K, 4 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . .	Troy, N. Y.
Enoch B. Jones . . .	Oct. 25	Sergeant . . .	Co. C, 11 Mass. Infantry . . .	Newcastle, Me.
George P. Freeman . . .	Nov. 11	Private . . .	Co. F, 46 Mass. Infantry . . .	—
<i>Post 140, Athol.</i>				
W. H. Heustis . . .	Jan. 3	Corporal . . .	2 Battery 1 Maine Light Artillery . . . 25 N. J. Infantry . . .	—
<i>Post 143, Brookline.</i>				
Henry K. Gould . . .	Feb. 11	Private . . .	Co. C, 53 Mass. Infantry . . .	—
William W. O'Connell . . .	Mar. 4	Corporal . . .	Co. B, 18 Conn. Infantry . . .	—
Henry A. Smith . . .	Apr. 6	Sergeant . . .	Co. D, 13 Mass. Infantry . . .	—
Albert W. Bright . . .	May 18	Private . . .	Co. H, 2 U. S. Heavy Artillery . . .	—
Edwin H. Brigham . . .	Sept. 14	Private . . .	Co. C, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery . . .	—
Martin L. Schenck . . .	—	Bugler . . .	Co. A, 13 Mass. Infantry . . .	—
<i>Post 144, Dedham.</i>				
Richard H. Lincoln . . .	Feb. 12	Private . . .	Co. I, 2 N. J. Cavalry . . .	Cohasset, Mass.
Patrick O'Leary . . .	Aug. 5	Captain of After Guard . . .	Co. A, 45 Mass. Volunteers . . .	Ireland
			Penobscot and Fort Henry . . .	

Post	Jan. 29	Private	Co. D, 24 Me. Infantry	Wells, Me.
<i>Post 145, Attleboro.</i>				
Cyrus Getchell	Jan. 29	Private	Co. G, 51 Mass. Infantry	Smithfield, R. I.
Solon D. Bushee	June 25	Private	U. S. S. "Sonoma"	Attleboro, Mass.
George R. Adams	July 14	Private	10 R. I. Light Infantry	
<i>Post 146, Lawrence.</i>				
Orwell M. Jewell	July 21	Private	Co. E, 1 Frontier Cavalry	Vershire, Vt.
Albion C. Still	Oct. 22	Private	Co. H, 69 Ill. Infantry	Pillston, N. Y.
<i>Post 153, Winchendon.</i>				
Henry M. Gilson	Dec. 20	Private	Co. K, 2 N. H. Infantry	Fitzwilliam, N. H.
<i>Post 154, Kingston.</i>				
Geo. H. Bonney	Feb. 19	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Heavy Artillery	
<i>Post 156, Everett.</i>				
Rev. Alfred Noon	Feb. 28	Private	Co. H, 42 Mass. Infantry	England
William H. Cate	Apr. 13	Private	Co. B, 6 Mass. Infantry	Boston, Mass.
Asa F. Sterling	June 6	Private	Co. K, 11 Mass. Infantry	Dorchester, N. B.
Samuel C. Lambert	July 17	Private	Co. F, 10 Ill. Infantry	Chelsea, Mass.
Daniel L. Staples	Nov. 6	Private	Co. F, 1 Me. Cavalry	Swanville, Me.
William N. Buckminster	Dec. 29	Corporal	Co. C, N. H. National Guard	Manchester, N. H.
<i>Post 159, East Boston.</i>				
William C. Hardy	Mar. 12	Private	Co. I, 47 Mass. Infantry	Sydney, C. B.
<i>Post 160, West Brookfield.</i>				
George Henry Allen	Oct. 26	Private	Co. H, 42 Mass. Infantry	Barre, Mass.
James Mundell	Feb. 5	Private	Co. I, 34 Mass. Infantry	West Brookfield, Mass.
<i>Post 161, Woburn.</i>				
Edwin F. Wyer	Feb. 25	Adjutant	5 Mass. Infantry	
Fort Staples	Apr. 1	Private	Co. G, 5 Mass. Infantry	
C. Littlefield	Sept. 13	Private	Co. G, 5 Mass. Infantry	
<i>Post 163, Framingham.</i>				
Walter R. Wright	Jan. 19	Private	Co. D, 45 Mass. Infantry	Washington, N. H.
Ira L. Dunaven	Apr. 18	Wagoner	Co. H, 13 Mass. Infantry	Hookset, N. H.
J. Houghton Clark	May 22	Private	12 Unattached Co.	Boston, Mass.
William B. Lewis	Sept. 28	Private	Co. I, 13 N. H. Infantry	Pepperell, Mass.
<i>Post 168, Southbridge.</i>				
Albert H. Bump	Jan. 31	Private	Co. G, 2 Mass. Heavy Artillery	Connecticut
<i>Post 170, Mansfield.</i>				
Charles F. Roberts	July 21	Sergeant	Co. G, 29 Mass. Infantry	Easton, Mass.
Henry C. Hamilton	Oct. 11	Private	Co. H, Me. Coast Guard	Swanville, Me.
<i>Post 171, Northfield.</i>				
Henry H. Morse	May 24	Private	Co. C, 42 Mass. Infantry	Oxford, Me.
Silas W. Bailey	Sept. 7	Private	Co. B, 22 Mass. Infantry	Wolcott, Vt.

NAME.	Date of Death.	Rank.	Regiment or Ship.	Place of Birth.
<i>Post 174, Greenfield.</i>				
John F. Carbie	Apr. 4	Private	Co. K, 15 Vt. Infantry	-
David Nichols	Apr. 16	Private	Co. H, 60 N. Y. Infantry	-
A. H. Baker	Apr. 24	Private	Co. C, 52 Mass. Infantry	-
Erastus B. Burnham	Aug. 4	Private	Co. F, 52 Mass. Infantry	-
<i>Post 176, Huntington.</i>				
Emerson B. Cushman	—	-	-	-
<i>Post 179, Barre.</i>				
John K. Collins	June 25	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Infantry	Deer Isle, Me.
<i>Post 185, Lowell.</i>				
Eben Meserve	Apr. 26	Private	Co. D, 5 Mass. Infantry	Dover, N. H.
Charles C. Hurd, Jr.	July 29	Private	Co. B, 1 Frontier Cavalry	Exeter, Me.
William C. Piper	Nov. 20	Private	Co. F, 1 Maine Cavalry	Farnsworth, Me.
George L. Adams	Dec. 6	Private	Co. G, 3 N. H. Infantry	Bedford, Me.
<i>Post 189, Marshfield.</i>				
James L. Rogers	Feb. 21	Private	Co. D, 42 Mass. Infantry	Marshfield, Mass.
Frederic H. Ewell	Mar. 22	Private	Co. K, 57 Mass. Infantry	Marshfield, Mass.
<i>Post 190, New Bedford.</i>				
Frank J. Herzog	Jan. 2	Private	Co. F, 186 Penn. Infantry	Switzerland
Herbert A. Damon	Mar. 26	Private	23 Unattached Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
Charles H. Morton	Apr. 15	Private	Co. D, 3 Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
William J. Burrows	Apr. 16	Captain	Co. C, 58 Mass. Infantry	Fairhaven, Mass.
Oscar R. Goodwin	May 2	Private	Co. F, 58 Mass. Infantry	Fall River, Mass.
Ambrose H. Tripp	May 20	Private	Co. K, 2 Mass. Cavalry	Lowell, Mass.
George F. Braley	June 1	Private	Co. A, 41 Mass. Infantry	New Bedford, Mass.
John J. A. Dean	Sept. 21	Acting Ensign	Co. A, 2 Mass. Cavalry	Rochester, Mass.
James W. Hervey	Dec. 2	Private	U. S. S. "Ramposa"	Raynham, Mass.
<i>Post 191, Boston.</i>				
E. A. Hammond	Apr. 3	Captain	Co. C, 7 Mass. Infantry	New Bedford, Mass.
Ben. V. Coburn	Apr. 3	Musician	Co. C, 13 U. S. V. Reserves	-
Frank M. Ackerman	May 8	Private	Co. A, 3 Mass. Cavalry	-
Summer T. Bradley	Nov. 29	Private	38 Mass. Infantry	-
Robert W. Storer	Dec. 19	Private	45 Mass. Infantry	-
<i>Post 192, North Attleboro.</i>				
John D. Ellis	Oct. 11	Drummer	6 Mass. Infantry	-
			Co. I, 5 N. Y. Cavalry	-
			6 Mass. Infantry	-
			62 Mass. Infantry	-
			6 Mass. Infantry	-
			45 Mass. Infantry	-
			Co. C, 21 U. S. Infantry	-



JOHN M. WOODS
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
1914 — 1915
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<i>Post 200, Jamaica Plain.</i> A. M. Graves	Apr. 13	Private	Co. K, 19 Maine Infantry	- - - - -
<i>Post 204, Centerville.</i> George W. Ryder Thomas H. Soule, Jr.	June 5 Nov. 11	Private . Master's Mate	Co. E, 40 Mass. Infantry U. S. S. "Bienville"	Yarmouthport, Mass. New Bedford, Mass.
<i>Post 207, Nantucket.</i> Alfred F. Ray	Sept. 27	Corporal	Co. H, 7 Vt. Infantry	. . . . .	Nantucket, Mass.
<i>Post 209, Williamstown.</i> Harrison White Henry Worboy	Jan. 10 Feb. 28	Private . Private .	Co. G, 49 Mass. Infantry Co. E, 9 Vt. Infantry	Newton, Mass. Vermont

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ENCAMPMENT.

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Past Commander Ham: "Commander, I now move that the remaining reports — the reading of them — be dispensed with. I think we are all pleased with what we have heard, coming as an echo from our friend who has departed; his recommendations are those that should receive our consideration, and we thank God that he has been what he has to all of us in the Department. I move you the dispensing of further reading of reports of the various officers." [This motion is seconded, the question is put, and it is so voted.]

Commander: "The Assistant Adjutant-General will now announce the names of the various Committees."

Officer of the Day: "Two ladies of Auxiliary Sons of Veterans of South Braintree are outside desiring to present flowers to the Commander."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I move that they be admitted now."

Commander: "I appoint Past Commander George W. Pratt and Comrade A. A. Buxton to retire to the outpost and receive and escort this delegation from that Auxiliary to this station." (The ladies enter and are conducted to the platform.)

Past Commander Pratt: "Commander, I have the pleasure of presenting to you one of your own townspeople, Mrs. James Fox, president of Auxiliary No. 16 of South Braintree."

Commander: "Mrs. Fox, we welcome you to this Encampment of the Grand Army, for we are always happy to have ladies grace these occasions."

Comrade Buxton: "I present to you Mrs. Marion Gormley, a member of Auxiliary No. 16 of South Braintree."

Commander: "I am very glad to welcome you, and will you both be seated, please. I am surprised to have a visit from one of my own town ladies, a faithful representative of Auxiliary 16, Sons of Veterans, and an earnest worker for patriotism and a comfort to the Grand Army. I present Mrs. Fox to the Comrades."

Mrs. James Fox: "Commander Monk, and members of the Grand Army in convention assembled, I come here today personally to see Commander Monk. Of course he is no stranger to me, so I thought I would bring in behalf of my Auxiliary this bouquet of spring flowers (tulips), and hope you can carry their freshness throughout the year as a memento of good luck that we wish for you. If Comrade Monk serves you as Commander in as efficient a capacity as he has served us in our town, I think you will have made no mistake in electing him." (Bouquet presented.)

Commander: "I do not need flowers to convince me of the sympathy and kindness felt for me by the people of the town of Braintree; and especially by the Auxiliary of our Sons of Veterans. But I receive them in the spirit they are given, and thank you, Mrs. Fox, for coming and bringing them to me. They will be held in remembrance long after they have materially disappeared. Comrades, I now have the pleasure of introducing Mrs. Marion Gormley, a past president of the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary of my home town."

Mrs. Gormley: "Commander Monk and members of the Grand Army, it gives me a great deal of pleasure to come here this morning with our president. I have not a very nice speech to make, but wish the Commander and every one of you the very best luck for the coming year." (Applause.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I will now read the list of Committees as follows:

COMMANDER'S ADDRESS.

P. C. Alfred H. Knowles, Post 36; James H. Webb, Post 88; Walter S. Parker, Post 194.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

P. C. Horace Goodwin, Post 16; E. H. Lincoln, Post 125; John A. Brackett, Post 146.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

John D. Williams, Post 88; John J. Sheehan, Post 15; Andrew Culley, Post 58; J. H. Wiggin, Post 4.

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

W. A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant-General; Walter E. Swan, Post 68; A. Otis Chamberlain, Post 30.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

"Comrades, one of the most important Committees that we have is this one, and I want to urge upon this committee that when they go into session not to nominate men who have no idea of going. Last year only about one-third of the delegates we elected in our Encampment went to the National Encampment; so I hope you will be careful in your selection of delegates."

COMMITTEES TO NOMINATE DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

District No. 1.

John Gilbert, Post 46.

H. N. Hopkins, Post 3.

District No. 2.

S. J. Wade, Post 13.

Joshua S. Gray, Post 74.

Lewis Josselyn, Post 83.

District No. 3.

John E. Bronson, Post 144.

Prince Phinney, Post 143.

N. S. Barry, Post 102.

David Dunbar, Post 58.

District No. 4.

David King, Post 15.

John McGrath, Post 7.

George L. Hall, Post 2.

A. A. Nickerson, Post 35.

District No. 5.

C. H. Brackett, Post 5.

A. A. Rackliff, Post 90.

James A. Wright, Post 89.

John A. Brackett, Post 146.

O. F. Hatch, Post 49.

District No. 6.

Asa Childs, Post 4.

W. C. M. Howe, Post 194.

A. I. Gilman, Post 185.

J. Frank O'Reilly, Post 56.

District No. 7.

Genery Darling, Post 10.

George W. Corey, Post 168.

Lucius Heath, Post 22.

John W. Fairbanks, Post 80.

District No. 8.

E. S. Wetherell, Post 16.

Andrew L. Bush, Post 41.

W. H. Abbott, Post 71.

District No. 9.

W. F. Hunt, Post 125.

J. R. Hamilton, Post 171.

C. H. Arnum, Post 79.

COMMITTEES OF GREETING.

Women's Relief Corps, — P. D. C. Henry Clark, George W. Corey, Alvin. C. Howes.

Ladies of the G. A. R., — P. D. C. Edwin F. Morrill, John A. Brackett, Thomas J. Buffum.

Daughters of Union Veterans, — Nat. S. Barry, Henri Batchelder, W. A. Wetherbee.

Sons of Union Veterans, — P. D. C. Henry N. Comey, John Lane.

Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary, — P. D. C. George W. Pratt, A. A. Buxton, George H. Carpenter.

Army Nurses, — P. D. C. Horace Goodwin, Samuel P. Cutter.

Commander: "Has any Comrade any resolutions to offer? Now is the opportunity to submit them."

Past Department Commander Ham: "I have three resolutions here. Do you wish them read?"

Commander: "You'd better read them, and Comrades will give attention to the reading."

Past Department Commander Ham: "This is in relation to Sons of Veterans, and in keeping with the recommendation of your Commander who has passed on."

(Reading) RESOLVED: That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are our natural heirs, are left the sacred heritage of carrying on and perpetuating the Memorial Day work, to the end that our deeds as soldiers, and our example as citizens, may have an influence on all coming generations."

Commander: "You have heard the Resolution presented by Comrade Ham. It will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions."

Past Department Commander Ham: "I have another Resolution in keeping with the recommendations of your late Commander, and this is the Resolution:—

(Reading) "RESOLVED: That the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea are requested to provide a place at once for the soldiers and their wives, and the widows of soldiers, to the end that the soldier and his wife, after living together fifty years, and that the widow of the soldier may not be left to suffer as many of them have been, and are at the present time."
(Received with applause.)

Commander: "You have also heard this Resolution read, and this will take the same course as the previous one, and be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, to be reported on later."

Past Department Commander Ham: "I have another Resolution which is a business proposition wholly, and in it there is nothing that would cast any reflection on anyone that is in the Grand Army of the Republic:—

(Reading) "RESOLVED: That this Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, by this act create a commission of four (4) Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and one (1) Son of Veteran, to hold as trustees a special fund of the Grand Army of the Republic created by this act. The chairman of said trustees, secretary and treasurer, shall give bonds to the amount of ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars, the expense of said bond to be paid from the special fund. The chairman shall sign all checks drawn by the secretary, and pay them out as ordered by a majority of the trustees.

"Section 2. Of the twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars now held by the Treasurer of the Grand Army of the Republic, ten thousand (\$10,000) dollars shall be paid over to the board of trustees of the special fund, and said fund to be used by them to supply the Department fund for legitimate expenses, the Treasurer making draft for the same from time to time, as the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic may require, and all other expenses that may occur shall be paid for from the special fund.

"Section 3. All money contributed to the Department by organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic shall be paid into the special fund.

"Section 4. Any Post of the Grand Army of the Republic having Comrades or widows that need assistance may apply to the board of trustees of the (said) special fund and receive assistance if the board consider the request a worthy one, and the funds they hold will bear the draft on it without impairing the fund, so that there will be sufficient for the use of the Department.

"Section 5. The board of trustees shall be nominated and elected by this convention."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Is not that the resolution you offered a year ago?"

Past Department Commander Ham: "It is not; the Resolution offered a year ago was entirely different from this."

Commander: "This resolution will take the same course."

Comrade John W. Bean, Post 145. "I desire to present a Resolution, which is as follows:

"BE IT RESOLVED: That hereafter all members of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Department Encampment.

"Commander, if this is out of order, I believe that I have nothing to say, but the time has come when every Comrade of the Department of Massachusetts should be entitled to a seat; that is, if he desires to come to this Encampment he should not be forced to sit up in the gallery as a black sheep, but be entitled to sit on the floor of this Encampment. Comrades, we are growing old, — I am one of the youngest — only 94 — and we are becoming rapidly less in numbers, and I don't believe we shall ever overburden this Encampment. Everyone should have a seat and be represented if he desires to come into this convention."

Past Department Commander J. Payson Bradley: "I rise to a matter of privilege and will be very brief. Our good friends the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. occupy the armory above, and they are entertaining the commander of the Honourable Artillery Company of London, England,—Earl Denbigh, a soldier I met some thirty years ago, and who gave us a most magnificent reception in London. Never did I see such a reception given the American flag at the time of the World War as was given in London. The Earl is expected to be at the Ancients' armory some time while we are in session; and if we are in session I want to ask the unanimous consent of the Encampment to invite Earl Denbigh into the historic hall to look into the faces of the men who saved the Union and made it possible for this nation to become the greatest in the entire world. I ask the unanimous consent for him to visit this Encampment if he is agreeable. He is every inch a soldier; having lost one of his own sons in the recent War."

Commander: "I think the proper thing to do would be to declare a recess of the Encampment and invite his presence here; but I do not think it would be lawful to admit him during the session."

Past Department Commander Bradley: "I would like to know, because I have left word upstairs that the Encampment would be pleased to see him. But if not, I ask that a recess be declared when he arrives; and have it settled so that there may be no hitch in the arrangements when he does appear."

Commander: "You have heard this request that Earl Denbigh be invited to enter this hall. I have ruled that the only legal way would be to declare a recess at that time. Of course any objection to that would vitiate —"

Past Department Commander Alfred H. Knowles: "I move you that we admit this honorable gentleman, and that we do not have a recess but let those fellows from Great Britain know how we carry on our business here."

Commander: "Well, it is up to you of the Encampment to decide this." [The motion is seconded, the question put, and carried by a unanimous vote.]

Past Department Commander Bradley: "Commander and Comrades, I thank you. If he comes I will show him the sight of his life."

Commander: "This last Resolution offered by Comrade Bean will take the same course. Now, are there any other Resolutions to be submitted? (No response.) Are there any committees ready to report?"

"I understand that we have present with us the Department Commander of the Department of the State of Maine, and as there is nothing urgent for the moment, we should be pleased to hear a word from Department Commander Nathaniel W. White of Seth Williams Post 13, Augusta, Maine." (Applause.)

Commander N. W. White: "Mr. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Massachusetts, as Department Commander of Maine I bring you the greetings of that Department. Maine had 72,500 men in the Civil War, and 20,000 sleep in Southern soil. We today have 538 comrades on our rolls; we made a good fight and have 'kept the faith.' I thank you." (Applause.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "We have some unfinished business that was referred to the Council of Administration to investigate and report at this meeting. Perhaps this would be a good time to get through with it. [On a motion duly seconded it is so voted.]

"In accordance with the motion that was passed at the last Encampment, a Resolution offered by Comrade Ham at that time was referred to the Council of Administration to investigate, and for them to report to this Encampment—"

Past Department Commander Ham: "I would like to say one word. I hope that that report will be rejected, — not your report but the matter I presented last year. I had not given it due study and consideration, and I hope that it will be rejected at once, because that which has been presented today is of a very different character. The other I will withdraw from any consideration by this Encampment."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "It is up to the meeting whether you accept the report —"

Comrade Flynn of Post 26: "I would like to hear the report of the Council of Administration on that."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee reads report which appears in full in the report of the Council of Administration on page 49.

Comrade Flynn: "I move you that the recommendations of the Council of Administration be sustained." [Motion seconded.]

Past Department Commander Ham: "There is only one point that I would take exception to, namely, as to deceiving the State in relation to our holding \$4,000. If that were the case, then for the past 50 years, or such time as we have received \$1,000 from the State every year, we have been deceiving them. And I object to any statement being applied to me as desiring to deceive anybody."

"That is the only thing I want to say in relation to this matter. But, as I said before, I wrote it hastily, not having given it due consideration, and I have substituted something today that is different entirely; therefore I hope you will entirely reject the whole proposition."

Commander: "Has any Comrade anything to offer on this motion, that the report of the Council of Administration as read by Comrade Wetherbee be sustained? Are you ready for the question? Comrades in favor of sustaining the report will manifest it by a raising of hands. Those opposed? It is a unanimous vote, and the report of the Council of Administration is hereby sustained."

"Are there any other committees ready to report at this time?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "The Mayor of Boston has invited the G. A. R. to take part in the Nineteenth of April parade, and it occurs to me that the Posts near Boston might like to go; so I give this notice, and I

want Posts 7, 15 and 2, and those in the vicinity of Boston to make up their minds and advise me by Friday of this week, telling me how many men are coming from the Posts. And those who go will meet by the Devens monument at the State House, where the autos will come for you.

"Just a word now about our Home in Newtonville, to thank the Posts for the liberality and generosity many of you have shown by your contributions; for you know we have to depend on the bounty of our friends in order to pay our way.

"We have got a splendid Home, and I wish every man of you could get out there to see; for you would say that it was well worth any little thing you could do for it. We are full all the time, and with a waiting-list. We can only partially take care of those desiring admittance.

"So I want to say to all the Posts that have not contributed that we shall be glad to receive anything you want to give — from one dollar upward; we are pleased to get anything up to \$100; and if any Comrade can send something to me at the State House it will be devoted to the wants of the Home. Not a cent is paid to an officer there; they are all doing the work for love, and you can be assured that anything you give will be for the people who are sheltered there, and they are a happy and contented family."

Comrade W. F. Beckford of Beverly, Post 89: "I would like to ask before we adjourn how many there are on the floor today who answered President Lincoln's first call in April, '61?" [Hands are raised and about a dozen respond.]

Comrade G. T. Darling, Post 10: "I would like to move that the first business this afternoon be the election of officers. There is a considerable number that wish to return to their homes."

Commander: "That is the next thing on the list in the order of business, but it has been customary —" [In the confusion a motion to adjourn overrides everything and the Encampment adjourned till 2 P.M.]

AFTERNOON SESSION, APRIL 12, 1927.

Commander: "It is not quite time to begin, but the Governor of the Commonwealth is here and I will appoint Comrades Goodwin and Knowles to escort the Governor in, as his time is probably limited." (The Comrades all rise and greet His Excellency with hearty applause as he enters and proceeds to the platform.)

Comrade Goodwin: "It gives me great pleasure, and I feel highly honored in having the privilege of presenting to you Governor Alvan T. Fuller." [Renewed and redoubled cheers and applause.]

Commander: "I am as pleased to welcome you [addressing the Governor here today as was a former Governor of Massachusetts pleased to welcome us in 1861. And it is very gratifying to present you to this convention as the head of this great Commonwealth."

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "I propose three cheers for the Governor of Massachusetts." (Three rousing cheers and a tiger given.)

Governor Fuller: "Well, Mr. Commander and men of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is a great pleasure to come here today and bring you the greetings of a grateful Commonwealth.

"I didn't know I was to be called on to speak quite so soon, as two of your young veterans raced me up here from the door outside, and I haven't caught my breath since; but I am glad to see they are in such good form. And then after I got up here I found a piece of candy on the rostrum, so I don't know but you have got a good many youthful ideas still.

"I called on the Grand Army nurses on the way down, which is a privilege I value, and the pleasure of meeting with the Grand Army of the Republic at least once a year gives zest to this group of conventions held at this time.

"But I want to say to you men, because the line of blue is growing thin from day to day — I just want you to know how much your service and sacrifice

means to the men of today, and how much inspiration it provides us when trying to live up now to what you did then.

"Now, my father was a member of the Grand Army — he was in the army and navy both — and I always feel when I come here that it is a sentimental journey, — that I am meeting with his comrades, and I like to think as I have met with you from time to time that you all knew him, and that he knew where I was when I came. And I was reassured today when I met a man outside here today who did serve with him on the United States frigate *Sabine*, and I was pleased to meet him and know that he knew my father.

"I don't know as I can add anything more; I know my place is here today; I know the people of Massachusetts would want me to come here and extend to you their greetings and give assurances of their love and esteem. I am not exactly an old politician, but I have been long enough to be chary of making promises — but I will promise you anything you want — That might sound like a large order, but I am sure that the people of Massachusetts would want me to say that to you.

"And this historic hall we meet in today, — this most famous hall, whose rafters have rung with appeals to patriotism down through the years. And yet I do not believe there ever entered this hall a body of men that have contributed more to the glory of the Republic, or given more of unselfish service, than you have.

"What more can I say? I can say this, — that it is my most prized engagement of the year, — to look into your faces and express the sadness of Massachusetts that your lines are becoming so thin, and tell you the story I have told so many times of our gratitude for the services which you rendered.

"I served in Congress during the World War. I don't know whether I got tired of Congress, or whether it was patriotism inherited from my father, that made me feel that I wanted to get into the Service of the World War. Anyway, I offered my services and before they were accepted peace was fairly in sight, followed soon by the Armistice. So I went to the Secretary of War and said, — 'Here, it would not be becoming to say I am sorry the War is over, but I am disappointed. I have bid my wife good-bye, made my will and settled other matters, and I would like to go over there and see what has happened.' So they put me on a transport, and I was 'Over There' about three months visiting the American front and the English front. Then I came back; went to Washington for a few months and then I had an uncontrollable desire to walk the streets of Boston, and when I went up one street and down another I realized that I had then arrived home. It wasn't New York; it wasn't Washington; it was old Boston, and I don't know what you would call it that makes us love this city.

"Perhaps some poet would say it is the aura, — the atmosphere, if you please; but I think it is more the patriotic sacrifices that men like yourselves have contributed so much to the glory of the city that makes us call it home, and makes us thrill when we return to it as nothing else can.

"And I just want to say to you that one of the contributing reasons why truth is marching on today is because of the sacrifices you made, and the obligation that you have laid on us younger men, your sons, to carry on the work you started. You put your hand to the plough, and we are going to guide it to the end of the furrow. And so I just want to say in closing — and for the people of Massachusetts — God bless you and keep you and preserve you, and give you all that your hearts desire!

"I thank you." (Very enthusiastic applause as the Governor departs.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "That is the Governor, Boys, that dares stand by his guns."

Commander: "Are there any committees to report?"

Past Department Commander Knowles: "Commander and Comrades, your Committee, appointed on the Address of our departed Commander Brown, would submit the following:

"The address was admirable in tone and impressive in its recommendations. We recommend the adoption of those special recommendations regarding those officers whose expenses are paid by the Department. We commend the careful attention of the Department to the kindly suggestions of Commander Brown regarding our intimate relations with our allied associations. Respectfully submitted, — Alfred H. Knowles, James H. Webb, Walter S. Parker.

"We also recommend that \$100 be added to the salary of the Department Clerk at Headquarters, which is not on this bill, but you can put it on; it is our recommendation."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I move the adoption of the report."

Commander: "You have heard the report of your Committee on Commander Brown's address and the motion of Assistant Adjutant-General that it be adopted. All comrades in favor? Those opposed?" (It is a unanimous vote.)

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "The Committee on Resolutions has attended to its duties and begs leave to submit the following report:

"On the Resolution, — 'That this encampment, Grand Army of the Republic, by this act create a commission of four comrades,' etc. You [addressing Comrade Ham] submitted one like this before? —"

Past Department Commander Ham: "This one is entirely different."

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "Well, then I will read it. [Reads.] Comrades, the Committee having the consideration of this Resolution have voted unanimously that it is inexpedient to legislate."

Commander: "You have heard the reading of this Resolution and the report of your Committee to whom it was referred, recommending that legislation is inexpedient." [A motion is made that the report be adopted.]

Past Department Commander Ham: "In putting this proposition before this convention I am only doing what has been done by every organization within this Commonwealth; the various Posts of the G. A. R. that have funds have created a commission to handle those funds, and I submit that it is not good business for the funds of an organization of this kind to be in the handling of one man, and the sum of \$12,000 under his direction. Not to say but what it has been shrewdly and honestly administered; that is not the point, but there is the time coming — shortly, I am sorry to say — when you all will have passed out, and then this sum remains in the hands of one man, which ought not to be so. It ought to be in the hands of three, four or five of our comrades, and they pay it out as the treasurer requires sums adequate to conduct the Department.

"Is that business? Is it common sense? If it is not, and you desire the funds of this Department to stay where they are, vote this Resolution to one side; but to test the convention I will move a suspension of the rules — and that this Resolution be adopted."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "It is evident that this Comrade doesn't know what he is talking about. He says funds are in the hands of one person, meaning the Assistant Adjutant-General.

"I will say that the funds he speaks of are deposited in savings banks of this city, and that it requires the signatures of the Department Commander, the Assistant Adjutant-General and the Assistant Quartermaster-General to get out one cent of it.

"There is not \$12,000 in the fund; there is only a little over \$10,000 now. There was \$12,000 last year, but we cut out the income of our per capita tax, which was about \$1,000 and consequently our fund this year, as you will see by these printed reports, is only \$10,500 invested funds. The money that we have received from the outside organizations has helped us to carry on. If we hadn't had that money — well, I would say there are two comrades of this Department who have been around telling the organizations we didn't need any money — if we hadn't had that money given to us we would have had but \$8,000 in our fund today.

"We received from them about \$1,800 last year, and with that \$1,800 and

about \$1,200 or \$1,400 we have had to take from our invested funds, we have been able to pay our bills.

"But the comrade wants a Commission appointed. He has got 'Commission' on the brain; and not only that but he wants to go outside of the Grand Army to find it; he wants a Son of a Veteran. Now, aren't you boys able to run your own business? It seems to me you are, and I hope that the report of the Committee on Resolutions will be adopted, and this resolution will be sent up 'Salt Creek'." (Applause mingled with calls of "Question.")

Past Department Commander Ham: "One word more —"

A Voice: "You have said enough."

Past Department Commander Ham: "I am a privileged character in some directions and do not propose to let one man shut me out.

"Now, then, I have never hinted in any way that those funds were not properly administered. I think they are; but I want to say one thing, that when the expenses of this Department and the Adjutant-General and the various ones that conduct it are greater with 2,000 members than they were when we had 30,000 it is no wonder there is a depreciation in the amount of our fund. It is no wonder that it is pretty near \$10,000 instead of \$12,000, as it was last year. And I don't think but what I am stating to you what is good business, — a business proposition, and one that should meet with the best judgment of every man present.

"I don't think that we want any one man to dictate and be the 'Captain, mate and the bo's'n bold and the cook of the *Nancy Jane*!' but I think that ought to be distributed so that our men can have their say — and that all the board of directors can have their say. The only object in putting a Son of a Veteran on there was for the use of the others, — so they could use him to do their work."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "There is just one answer to this. The Comrade says the expenses are as large as they were when we had 30,000. As a matter of fact, they are most \$4,000 less than they were. They have been greatly decreased."

Commander: "Comrades, on this Resolution your committee makes the report that in its opinion no legislation is necessary. The motion has been made and seconded, that this report be accepted. Comrade Ham moves as a substitute motion that the Resolution be adopted, but I have not heard that seconded. — [A voice: "Second the Motion."] — The vote first comes on the substitute motion of Comrade Ham, that his Resolution be adopted as read. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of adopting the Resolution will raise their hands; and contrary minded by the same sign. [The vote is so taken.] It is not a vote.

"The question now is upon the acceptance of the report of the Committee, that no legislation is expedient. Are you ready for the question? [The vote is so taken.] It is a vote, and the report of the Committee on Resolutions is adopted."

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "The next Resolution is in relation to Sons of Union Veterans. I will read it: —

"RESOLVED: That the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are our natural heirs, are left the sacred heritage of carrying on and perpetuating the Memorial Day work, when the Grand Army of the Republic shall cease to function, to the end that our deeds as soldiers, and our example as citizens, may have an influence on all coming generations.

"I think, Mr. Commander, there is a communication suggesting a resolution from the secretary of the Sons of Union Veterans, and perhaps it would be well to read it in connection with this same matter. [The letter is read as follows: —]

HEADQUARTERS, MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION, SONS OF UNION
VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.ROOM 606, 88 TREMONT ST.,
BOSTON, April 5, 1927.

DEAR SIR AND COMRADES:—

For forty-five years the Sons of Union Veterans have cheerfully and willingly given of their time and money in doing what they thought right in assisting the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and did their best in trying to perpetuate the memory of the departed comrades by their activities on Memorial Day. The time has now arrived when we feel that our Parent Organization, the Grand Army of the Republic, should tell us, by a convention vote, as to whether or not they desire the flesh and blood of your comrades, the Sons of Union Veterans, to carry-on and perpetuate the Memorial Day Work.

It is to be hoped that some form of recommendation or resolution will be presented at your coming Encampment in Boston, requesting that the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War shall be officially designated your legal heirs, in the performance of the duties of Memorial Day, when you can no longer attend to this sacred duty.

If you believe in us, and wish us to do what you have been doing for the past sixty years, on Memorial Day, there will be 9,000 of your Comrades' sons standing by waiting to hear the voice of your Encampment in regard to this matter, in which we are deeply interested.

I trust you will do what you can to bring about such legislation, that shall specifically state that the Sons of Veterans shall be the Legal Heirs to the Grand Army of the Republic in the carrying out of Memorial Day Work, after the Grand Army ceases to perform such work.

Fraternally yours,

WILLIAM L. ANDERSON.

"Mr. Commander, the Committee unanimously approve that this resolution (?) be put to a real test before this Department; and in so stating we understand the question is on adopting the Sons of Veterans as embodied in those two resolutions."

Commander: "Comrades, you have heard read the two resolutions (?) presented practically as one, as well as the recommendations of your Committee that the subject matter be put before this Encampment. What do you wish to do with the report of the Committee?"

Comrade E. H. Lincoln of Pittsfield, Post 125: "I think we might just as well fight this out in this convention as at any time. How many of you Comrades here have got sons who belong to the Sons of Veterans? — what proportion is there? I have three sons, and not one is a Son of Veteran. They served in the World War — all of them; one of them died. Neither your sons nor my sons will ever follow the wishes of his father; he will do just as he sees fit, and no son can appreciate what we are, except he has seen the service we have. I said two years ago on the floor of this convention, and I say it today, that the logical successors of the Grand Army of the Republic are the American Legion.

"In my town we have Sons of Veterans, but the Women's Relief Corps are infinitely of more assistance to us than the Sons of Veterans; we would not carry-on if not for them; we could not do it. We help the Sons of Veterans; and have done it time after time. We have allowed them to occupy a room free of expense to them. How much interest is there in a city the size of Pittsfield in the Sons of Veterans? The organization is practically what it was ten or fifteen years ago. We are becoming less and less; twenty per cent died last year.

"Now I think you will find the statement I made to be absolutely true. I don't believe our sons ever will carry-on; I don't believe they will do the

things we want them to do. My brother, my sister, and myself are not doing the things father wished in his will, — because we do not see things the way my father did; we don't feel as he did. Your sons know nothing of what it was to suffer on the march, in the encampments, or wherever we went; they have remained at home all their lives; they have heard what we tell them, but as for battles and marches — what do they realize? But American Legion does realize. They went abroad and saw a war infinitely worse and more horrid than we did. — We were up on top of the earth, and they were underground —”

Commander: “I hope the Comrade will confine himself to the question before the convention. We have nothing to do with any question relating to the Relief Corps or the World War. The question is whether we shall make the Sons of Union Veterans our heirs.”

Comrade Lincoln: “I will confine myself to that question. In this pamphlet distributed today is an article that comes from the town of Plymouth where it seems they had some trouble about the Legion serving Memorial Day with the Sons of Veterans, and I think that is a parallel case to what we had in Pittsfield a few years ago. We had been in the habit of electing for Memorial Day marshal the grandson of a veteran and a splendid fellow, but when the time came for Memorial Day the Legion proposed to celebrate for themselves; we nominated the same Son of Veteran and the Legion refused to march behind that man, and so told us. What was the reason, we asked? ‘Because he never had smelled powder. We will march behind any man — any Grand Army man, Spanish War man, or World War veteran, but we will never march behind a man who has never smelled powder.’

“The excitement was so intense as to split the city into two factions. But some of the cooler ones of us took the matter in hand and it was so arbitrated that the Legion marched behind the Grand Army veterans, the Sons of Veterans being our escort on the side. For years since the World War the so-called veterans have given up Memorial Day and have no celebration except the decoration of their own particular graves; but have marched with us all the day long.

“This year the commander came to me and said, ‘Mr. Lincoln, we want to honor you veterans in a special way this year’ and I trust Comrade Hunt won't say a word about this when he gets home — and he said, ‘When you are ready to go out and form your line will you draw up in front of the Soldiers' Monument and review the procession, and we will pass and salute you?’

“And that is what they will do. That is a special honor planned for us this year. Now, is there any question as to the feeling they have got toward us? — And they have that same feeling, and though you disagree — some of you — you cannot get it out of me; I believe I shall always think, in spite of what the Sons of Veterans have done, that they have never done half as much as the Women's Relief Corps, which is the finest organization that we have today. You can do what you please, but that is my present opinion.”

Comrade Gay, Post 195: “Am I in order? I think the Comrade — according to his standpoint — may be correct, but we are not all in the same boat; neither have we been sailing the same sea. I can understand why the comrade thinks the American Legion should precede the Sons, — simply because he had three sons in the American Legion — but what about the rest of the Comrades? — those who have borne their children and taught them to respect their fathers and the organization to which their fathers belong? And would it be fair to say, whether his sons fought with the Legion or not, that if he had a legacy to leave he would leave it to the Legion in preference to his own blood and kin?

“I have always been taught to believe that blood is thicker than water; therefore as a rule if a man has anything to leave, leave it to the heir-apparent. Now, I have had a little experience among the Sons of Veterans all over this State and other States. There is a distinction to be made in the different Posts and in the different organizations of Sons of Veterans, — the larger

the Post the larger the membership, of course, in the Sons of Veterans and naturally more support their fathers of the Civil War receive.

"I think the Comrade is wrong. Who shall carry-on if the Sons do not carry-on? Simply because the men who have fought in the World War have come back to us, is it sane to believe that they can have the same feeling toward us the Son should have? I don't think so, for I believe 'like father, like son.'

"Now, my opinion is this, — if there is anybody to have honors after we have passed out, — if there is anyone we should look to to perpetuate our memory and carry on this work, it should be our sons. If they will not do it we might expect the Legion to, but is it fair to believe that they would have the same sympathy? So I hope that this motion will prevail, that the Sons of Veterans, when we shall have passed on, and God has taken us home, — that we can have the confidence to feel that our sons are still carrying on."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I agree heartily with the last speaker, but want to submit an amendment, though it does not go quite so far as I would have it. I would move that the Resolution be amended by adding the words, — 'and Daughters.' If that phrase is put in I would be in hearty accord with this Resolution. In a few years — we will say 20 or 25 — the Legion (and I am not talking against them); when their own graves multiply so that they have as many as we have now, it will take them about all their time to look after their own, and then we will want our Sons and our Daughters.

"The reason why I put in 'and Daughters' is this: The Daughters are exhibiting just as much patriotism in that direction; they are going to the cemeteries every Memorial Day, and in some places a great deal more than the Sons, and at the same time going together, too. I know of one Tent alone where the Daughters decorate between 700 and 800 graves every year in Mount Auburn; they go there and flag the graves, and they decorate them Memorial Day. And that is why I feel that we should include them. The heritage of the Daughters is just as dear to them as to the Sons, and they should be put on an even footing.

"Therefore I move to amend the Resolution offered by simply adding the words 'and daughters' after the word 'sons,' and before the words 'of Union Veterans.'" [Calls of "Question" and then the National Commander-in-Chief is announced by the Officer of the Day.]

Commander: "The Commander-in-Chief is at the outpost, and we will postpone the consideration of this Resolution until after the visit, if there is no objection. And I will appoint Comrades Goodwin, Knowles and Ham and Morrill, Wilder and Flynn a committee to retire and escort the Commander and suite to this station."

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "Commander, it is my great privilege to present to you our Commander-in-Chief, Comrade Frank A. Walsh of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And may I say to you that 'Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, means to me and to you, sir, and to all our Comrades within the sound of my voice, and to every Comrade wherever he may be — means a *real man*.'"

Commander Monk: "Commander-in-Chief Walsh, we are pleased to receive you in this historic building, and we welcome you with the hope that your stay in Boston will be pleasant and agreeable; and I know every Comrade present is very glad to see you."

Past Department Commander Ham: "It gives me pleasure to present to you one who holds the highest office in the Grand Army of the Republic — him who bears our message to the throne of grace, the Chaplain-in-Chief of the national suite."

Commander Monk: "I am very glad to welcome you to this convention, well knowing our protestations of loyalty would often be without effect unless tendered through you."

Past Department Commander Wilder: "I have the honor to present Comrade George W. Morton, National Adjutant-General."

Commander: "We find you in good company, Comrade Morton, and hope you will enjoy yourself on this occasion."

Past Department Commander Knowles: "Commander, I present Dr. E. W. Homan, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans." [Comrade Flynn presents Mr. Charles W. Parker, Commandant of the Soldiers' Home.]

Commander: "Comrades of this Encampment, I have the honor to present to you our Commander-in-Chief. He comes from the Middle West for the purpose of looking into your faces and saying a few words to you. I ask you all to stand and give him three cheers and a soldier's welcome." [Three tumultuous cheers are given.]

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF WALSH.

Comrades, it gives me great pleasure indeed to be here with you today, and I am sure that such a fine body of Comrades would be pretty hard to find in any other Department.

I congratulate you on your good looks and your good behaviour. I have heard all manner of good reports from the Department of Massachusetts, and I believe this is your sixty-first annual Encampment. I congratulate you again on that, for it ought to be considered a great honor and privilege for me, to be here with you and to see so many of the Old Boys out today.

If I could make you a rattling speech, to take the roof off this old hall, I would be glad to do it; but I cannot, — I have a sore throat and am a little bit under the weather. At the same time I am awfully glad to see you today and hope you will have a splendid reunion and Encampment here to go down in the annals of the Department of Massachusetts; I know you will do things right because you do things right in this section of the country and always have.

I can speak a little about pensions. I have been busy in Washington for several weeks during the last two months. We went down there with the Legislative Committee on Pensions and we worked hard and finally succeeded in getting a pension bill. It was particularly in favor of widows on the pension-roll drawing \$30 a month, — to increase that to \$50; the same as a year ago an increase was made, but it only included those widows married during the war.

At Des Moines it was thought if we would confine our efforts to increase the pension to widows of the Civil War, married following the war, to the same rate as those married during the war, it would be a fair and reasonable proposition. We finally got a Bill passed through both Houses, with the limitation that the widow should be 75 years of age, and the increase would be ten dollars a month instead of twenty, making a \$50 rate.

We found some opposition, principally by Senator King of Utah; and we found out there would be no possibility of gaining the President's approval to the Bill if it contained a compromise measure; so we reluctantly decided to take half a loaf rather than no bread at all. But the filibuster was going on there, with three night sessions and indescribable confusion there during the sessions. However, we know the Bill has passed and was placed on the President's desk; but Congress died at 12 o'clock noon, and it was just 12 o'clock when he left the Capitol, and it was after 12 when he got to the White House. As we left the Capitol the chauffeur in our car said, "That is the President's car right in front of us going to the White House." We thought the Bill might be signed within ten days, but as Congress adjourned at the end of the session it died at 12 o'clock noon on the 4th of March.

We had a very pleasant interview with President Coolidge the day before, and he seemed to be interested; but my idea is to bring the Bill up again demanding a \$50 rate for the widows, because they are deserving of the same rate as their sisters received the year before.

But I will not take up your time further. May God bless you, and if there

is anything on earth that I can do just let me know what it is, and I will do anything a man can do for the Old Boys. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander: "Comrades, I want to present to you the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Rev. Robert Hill of Albany, N. Y."

ADDRESS OF CHAPLAIN ROBERT HILL.

Comrades, it is good to be here to look down upon the faces of those who have been the defenders of their country, and who through the many years have been living examples of loyalty, of true charity, and of broad fraternity, which carries also the thought of justice and righteousness, and a purpose to live up to the principles which were first announced to the American people in the hall where we are assembled today, — the "Cradle of Liberty," which has echoed with the oratory of some of the most distinguished men that ever have spoken in behalf of our national constitution and the purpose for which it was established.

I began this morning with a spiritual uplift of my soul when one of my younger comrades began to talk about the influence of his pastor; and I felt that a man who could recognize service and spiritual ability and character in his own pastor, as he had done, and that he was a guide and friend — would do loyal service for his country. And the words "my pastor" falling from his lips gave me a thrill, and I felt that he was of the elect who would be always under the aegis of our liberty, — one to be relied upon in all the events of life.

But I went away and made a visitation to the Women's Relief Corps in the station, and as we went to the building I saw the words "Scotch Presbyterian Church" on the front, and I said to myself at once "It is well; our women who have done so much for the Grand Army are in a church gathering as a band recognizing God. And they surely can be relied upon, as they have evidenced in the past, so long as the loyal sons of this country are in need of assistance of any kind.

Now I come here to my own old comrades and think of the days in the past. I think of the days when there was fear and trembling even in loyal hearts. Here in Boston were days when it was dangerous to be abroad at times during the draft days; when batteries of brass cannon were shotted and facing the mob. And I stood and watched behind the cannon, but saw a priest of the Catholic church in front of that mob, and with a cane in his hand he was urging the people to disperse. He said, — "Go home. You know that this battery is able to sweep the street. Go home, — home — home, for God's sake GO HOME!" And he helped to quell the mob; the spiritual influence of that man, and the power of persuasion as he held that cane in his hand helped to move them backward and still farther backward until it was not necessary that one of those brass cannon should give utterance to its power.

And now here I come with another thrill to my heart, — standing in the "Cradle of Liberty" and thinking of the days long before when here the beginnings of a national life were inspired. No wonder we love to come here; no wonder it is an inspiration to stand and talk to you Comrades where great men uttered the principles of our national existence.

And so I am here. The comrade who introduced me said that I voiced the petitions of my comrades at the Throne of Grace. As a pastor of a national body of patriots and heroes I would feel indeed humble to think that I fail to remember them when I lift my eyes heavenward and voice the thought of grace and blessings upon their heads. Ah, yes! prayer is a leveraging force that moves not only things that are here and mortal, but lifted to the throne of God brings down his blessings upon those who make use of prayer.

May we then remember that God is with us. Our little coins, you know, are always a token of a national faith; and although many may doubt and have little or no faith, yet as a nation we are remembering God in our business

when we pass our coins around among the people who are invoking God's blessing.

And we must be loyal in our teaching; we must be attentive of those who would work mischief, but I believe that this country of ours, saved from anarchy and from disruption by comrades here and elsewhere, and by those who lie under the sod, — I believe that their brave work will enable our nation to go on through the centuries as a token of liberty and justice and popular government until the Lord has brought the peoples together in harmony.

Now, may I say that it is the sincere feeling of my heart that God's blessing may rest upon each of those within the sound of my voice, and those who are dispersed throughout the country, and upon their families and their homes, — God's blessing and benediction uttered by human lips, in response to an urge that is in my heart, and bringing to you a message that goes up to the throne of Grace! (Applause.)

Commander: "We have also with us Comrade George W. Morton, a Past Commander of Wisconsin Grand Army of the Republic and now Assistant Adjutant-General of that great Department. Comrade Morton."

ADDRESS OF COMRADE GEORGE W. MORTON

My custom has been in place of a formal recognition to address my listeners as Comrades. By so saying we are made one, and I feel that you, Mr. Commander, your officers and myself — that we are one, — working along lines of related effort one with another.

As your Commander has said in his introduction, being Assistant Adjutant-General of Wisconsin it was through the courtesy of your Commander-in-Chief that I am able to be here with you today. And I am pleased to recognize a face here of one who I think — in fact, I know — is fulfilling his duties towards you; and that is your Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee, whose face I have seen in the the National Encampment before this time.

I think the subject I might bring to you is that, — that you might understand the duties that devolve upon the Assistant Adjutant-General — they are many; many questions come up. And I know that it has been his duty, because I have seen him in the Encampments and in the fights for you all; and that he has been asked by many Comrades many things, and to respond by letter; and that he has done it. And I do the same; I answer all my correspondents, however humble it may be I answer by return mail.

Now in regard to some of the things requested: Here is something I am deeply interested in, and I think my friend will bear me out in that, because he undoubtedly gets the same sort of letters I do. One Comrade writes, — "We are old and unable to attend our meetings, and we think we ought to disband."

Comrades, don't you do it. Another letter says, "My father is ninety years of age, and is the only member of my Post, but I wish to say to you that as long as he lives he wishes to keep that charter, and after his death I will return it to you; and I will pay his twenty cents, which is our per capita tax — "as long as he lives."

Now I am talking to those Comrades who have the feeling that they are old and should drop out. Lord! let's stick by this ship that is named the Grand Army of the Republic as long as we live! Don't give it up; just as long as one can pay the per capita tax, let's do so; let's die fighting instead of sitting down and rusting out.

Then there was another letter, and it seemed to me important, — posted at Brandon, Wisconsin — stating that the last member had passed out. And his daughter wrote me and wanted to know what to do with the charter and the book and the flag. I wrote her immediately that if she could ship them to me I would see that they were properly disposed of. She replied and these are

her words, — “I will send you the charter; I will send you the books, but that dear old Flag that I have carried more miles from one room in my house to another than it had been carried previously in its lifetime — I would like to retain that Flag.” And I answered that as Adjutant-General of the Department of Wisconsin I was unable — it being property of the Grand Army — that it was impossible for me to give away property of the Department of Wisconsin, but — I said: “Send me the charter — send me the books — and you retain the Flag.” And I think I voiced the sentiments of the whole Department of Wisconsin that she should keep the old flag until it should be called for. I thank you. (Applause.)

Commander: “I now wish to introduce to you one who really needs no introduction, — Brother E. W. Homans, Commander-in-Chief of the Sons of Union Veterans.” (Applause.)

Dr. E. W. Homans: “Commander Monk, Commander-in-Chief and Comrades. You have been sitting there patiently for a number of hours listening to serious things, so I wonder if I may tell a flippant story.

“It seems that an agent was trying to sell an electric refrigerator to the master of the house, who was old-fashioned and thought ice was good enough; it had been good enough for his father and mother, and was good enough for him; that he was not interested at all. But the next day the agent got a telephone call from this man to bring over one of those electric ‘thing-um-gigs’ and put in in the back porch; that he would like to have him put it in that afternoon if he could. The agent thanked him for the order and said he would accommodate him, but naturally he wondered what had made the man change his mind so suddenly. So the next day when delivering the electric refrigerator, his customer happened to be at home, and he asked him how he happened to change his mind, when he had felt so insulted the day before by the suggestion of a new device. ‘Well, it was like this,’ the man replied. ‘I forgot my keys the next morning and returned to the house to get them. I went into the back door and my wife was bending down pulling out the pan of water from under the old ice-chest. I playfully reached down and kissed her on the ear. She didn’t look up but simply said, — ‘Fifty pounds will be enough today, John.’ [Laughter.] Which shows that a man sometimes changes his mind as easily as a woman.

“Now, I have changed my mind, and I think I won’t say what I was going to when I came in here. This is one of the proudest moments of my life. For twenty years I have been a member of the Massachusetts Division Sons of Veterans, and I have not had the privilege of seeing you in Encampment assembled and when you gave your Commander-in-Chief those cheers just now it was something I shall remember until I am as old as you fellows are.

“If I were the National Chaplain and was going to preach a sermon now, I would take for my text just three words that begin with the letter “S,” the words Sacrifice, Service and Sentiment. The organization I represent, and you all know so well, is founded in order that the sacrifices you men made shall never be forgotten. Who knows better than your own sons the sacrifices that you men made, when you went from the schoolhouse and from your business to answer the call of Abraham Lincoln? Nobody knows better than your own sons how you sacrificed education and business, and had to come home and start all over again; and the sacrifice of even life itself in order that our country might be saved. Who knows better than your own sons what that meant?

“Our organization is founded in order that those sacrifices might never be forgotten, and who will tell the story when the Boys in Blue have gone, if not your sons?

“I went over to Philadelphia where a Camp of Sons of Union Veterans, an organization of 530 men, was to take over the property of Post 2 of Philadelphia, one of the most splendid Grand Army Posts in the United States. With a Post hall valued at \$50,000, which they turned over with its beautiful oil paintings, also worth about \$50,000, to this splendid Camp of Sons of

Union Veterans and that Camp is going to endow that building with a fund of \$50,000 in order that it may be perpetually taken care of. Isn't that what you would want done so that your mementoes might always be preserved as in the past?

"Now, coming to Service. Our organization may not be quite so large as we would like to have it, but every man in it has studied for forty years to do whatever he could. You have not always asked it, but we have been ready to escort you, put flowers on your graves, and do everything you called for. Sacrifice — Service, — those are the things our organization is doing.

"And then Sentiment. Somebody asks: 'Is it possible to keep an organization better on sentiment alone?' I say — Yes, it is — the kind of sentiment our organization is founded upon; the sentiment that comes from the heart of a son for the love of a father who is a soldier of the Civil War will keep our organization together. Sentiment is one of the finest things in human life; the sentiment that clings around the word *home*; that makes that word sacred to us all. The sentiment that surrounds the word *mother*, and endears it to every man born of woman. Sentiment in the heart of every true son of a veteran is just as dear and precious to him as the sentiment that clings around these other words.

"I have a story about sentiment: Four men were lunching in New York, and a wealthy one was telling what he could do with his money. Another said, 'Money cannot do everything, George.' 'Yes, it can; money can do a whole lot of things.' 'One thing that money cannot buy is health.' 'Yes, it can if it secures a change of environment so as to live in healthful surroundings, and be able to hire specialists and have the finest doctors to operate when needed — money will go a long way toward gaining health.'

"'But surely you would not say that money will buy happiness?' 'Yes, it will. Ask about it of the ordinary man, one who has just enough money to live comfortably, have a little home and entertain his friends, — keep him through life and enable him to die happy.' The other insisted, however, and said, 'Still there are some things that money cannot buy, and if you will —' The other interrupted with this offer, — 'Come here tomorrow to lunch and recite four things that money cannot buy, and I will give you a check of \$1,000 for charity.'

"Next day they met and a paper was produced, and 'George' read it — and he read it again carefully, and taking out his fountain pen wrote a check for \$1,000. And these were the four things noted on that paper that money cannot buy: First, a baby's smile — of the little soul so recently come from the Infinite knows no value or price. The mother's smile at a father's caress; a bright flower may win it, but stocks and bonds never can. Second, youth when it is past. 'The mill will never grind again with the water that has passed': and all the wealth in the world will not bring back happy youth when once it has gone. And, third, the love of a good woman, the most precious thing she has got to give cannot be bought and sold. Men may barter for gold, silver and precious stones, but the love of a good woman cannot be bought; no man is rich enough to buy it — none too poor to possess it. Fourth, — entrance to the kingdom of Heaven; for when you leave this earth you leave silver and gold behind you.

"So there are four things in life worth having that money cannot buy, and the members of my organization have a fifth thing that money cannot buy, and that is the inheritance that comes to us from you Comrades, the blood heritage of a Union soldier. And I want to pledge to you as commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans that just so long as that blood courses through our veins there will be no danger of the Grand Army — the Union soldiers and sailors of 1861-65 ever being forgotten." (Applause.)

Commander: "May I now present to the Comrades Comrade Parker, the superintendent of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea."

Charles W. Parker: "Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts, it is certainly a privilege and a pleasure for me to be here today and address the comrades of my father. And not only that but to represent as commanding officer the Home which was established by your organization nearly fifty years ago and fostered ever since. The motto chosen then was well selected, 'For what he was and what he dared remember him today!' and for forty-four years that slogan has been carried out in the letter and the spirit.

"In the last seventeen years I have had the opportunity to be connected with the Home, I have witnessed many changes in its personnel and as you know in the last ten years the diminishing number of Grand Army men is quite noticeable.

"As I have said this morning at the Women's Relief Corps convention, in January, 1911, there were on the rolls 460 Civil War veterans, and today when I looked at the directory — out of that 460 whose names were on that board the 1st day of January, 1911, there were only ten that remained there continuously ever since. At the present time we have approximately 130 Civil War veterans, but with the advent of the Spanish and World War we have kept our membership to about an average of 450 during all these years.

"As I stand here today I cannot help think of you Comrades as young boys who assembled in this hall sixty-six years ago this week to go to the defense of Washington; and not only that but sixty-two years ago this week was sounded the knell of the Rebellion at Appomattox. Indeed, in practically all the wars the Government has undertaken the start has been in the month of April, and any red-blooded American citizen should feel proud, especially in Massachusetts, to know that the sinew and life of our country was ready to volunteer and protect its interests. I do not need to go into detail as to the ravages of war; it is enough to say that within the last fifteen years I have seen the ravages time has made in the ranks of the Civil War and other veterans who have come to the Home.

"It may be surprising to those who live at a distance, and not frequent visitors at the Home, to note the ages of the veterans coming in. We have two 97 years old, and they are lively kids at that. We are getting the type of men that need treatment, but they respond as far as their vitality will allow. Of course with the Spanish and World War veterans it is a case of rehabilitation, and in the last four years out of 12,000 veterans 3,000 have been readmissions, but those readmissions show in a measure the work we have done. A man may come there sick and almost down and out, needing treatment physically and mentally, after which he may be able to assume his duties in life. He tries it but the spirit is stronger than the flesh and he comes back. We go over him again and help him along; we encourage him, and he goes out again to try and maintain his place in life, until as a last resort, when his strength fails him, he comes for final care.

"And I want to tell the Comrades of the work your allied organizations are doing, — the Women's Relief Corps, state and individual corps, the county associations, your Sons of Veterans Auxiliary and the Daughters of Union Veterans, — all of the allied organizations connected with the Grand Army, or co-operating a hundred per cent to see that the work for you soldiers is properly carried out and you are cared for. And I hereby extend to you a welcome to come and visit the Home, and assure you that when you need help — if I am there — I will extend to you a greeting and see that you have the proper care." (Applause.)

Commander: "As I understand the Commander-in-Chief and his staff have three more visits to make this afternoon, he is desirous of getting away as soon as possible; and if the same escort will perform its duty we will excuse our visitors though we hate to part with them so soon, for the Commander-in-Chief say he would rather be here than most anywhere else." (The distinguished guests retire in the midst of cheers and applause.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "The Commander-in-Chief has just told me that he should name Sunday, May 22d, as 'Memorial Sunday,' and that is the week previous to the Sunday next to Memorial Day — which is Monday, May 30th, as we know."

Commander: "We will now resume the consideration of this Resolution, and the question before the Encampment is as to the amendment offered by the Assistant Adjutant-General [and seconded], that the words 'and Daughters' shall be added so that it will read, —

"RESOLVED: That the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are our natural heirs, are left the sacred heritage of carrying on and perpetuating the Memorial Day work, to the end that our deeds as soldiers, and our example as citizens, may have an influence on all coming generations.

"Shall we so amend this Resolution? —"

Comrade J. R. Hamilton, Post 171: "Commander and Comrades, there are many towns in this State that have no Daughters of Veterans, but have an organization of Sons of Veterans Auxiliary that do the same duty as would the Daughters, and just as faithfully as it could be done; and I would move to amend so that the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary be added."

Comrade John W. Fairbanks, Post 80: "I most earnestly protest against the amendment just offered — as to Sons of Veterans Auxiliary."

Commander: "That amendment has not been seconded, and is not before the meeting. The question is on the amendment of the Assistant Adjutant-General. Are the Comrades ready for the question? [The question is put, and it is a vote.]

"Now what action will you take on the Resolution as amended?"

Past Department Commander Ham: "I would move the adoption of the Resolution as amended."

Commander: "Are you ready for the question? Those in favor? Those opposed? [It is a unanimous vote.]

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "The next Resolution is dated April 11, 1927:

"RESOLVED: That the Trustees of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea are requested to provide a place at once for the soldiers and their wives, and the widows of soldiers, to the end that the soldier and his wife may not be separated after living together fifty years, and that the widow of the soldier may not be left to suffer, as many of them have been and are, at the present time."

"The Committee has no recommendation, — only that the Resolution be presented to the convention."

Commander: "Comrades, this Resolution has been presented to the Encampment without comment, but the chairman of the Committee desires to make a few remarks."

Comrade Goodwin: "Commander and Comrades, this is a matter which interests me directly; it also interests my comrade Beatty, who is a member of the board of trustees of the Soldiers' Home. You will remember I am also a trustee of that Home.

"This is a vital question, and without any spirit of antagonism I desire to say that through the consideration of Governor Channing Cox, myself and two Legion men whom I call 'Comrades' because they wear the uniform and I have learned to respect them for integrity and ability.

"Now, about the management of matters out at the Soldiers' Home. The hardest problem for the trustees has been to determine how to get money to do business with, and then how to conduct the Home after money has been

acquired. But may I say that I think that proposition, to me personally and as a member of the Committee on Resolutions, does not appear to be the thing.

"And why is it not the thing? Just simply this, that that organization, started by Horace Binney Sargent and others so many years ago, has been profitable and of real importance to the Grand Army of the Republic — and to the comrades. Now, about their wives, — that is quite a proposition.

"Let me tell you something about an experience that your trustees have had. Last year we went before that great body known in Massachusetts as the Board of Finance and Administration, that is really the power behind the throne as to every dollar spent in organizations like ours throughout this commonwealth; and if you once meet that body you will find that you have somebody to contend with.

"Now, as to the real meat of the matter: I deplore that condition where an old comrade and his wife should be separated, but I find another condition. In the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts it is true, and my Comrade there knows it is true, there is only one thing to do. For a man who has not got a penny to his name I will pull out my quarter as quickly as anybody, but let me tell you this, — that we have not got the funds to handle that proposition; there is not any fund to build a home for the women; that is absolutely and unequivocally so. I know whereof I speak; I know there is not any money to do that with.

"And there is another thing. Isn't it a little too late in the day to commence an operation like that? The Commandant who spoke to you knows as well as anybody in this world that to start at this stage in the management of the Massachusetts Home and try to inaugurate something new is quite — some proposition, and I know what I am talking about too.

"Through the influence of Commandant Foster, who managed the Home so many years, I was elected a trustee of that Home, and I consider it the greatest honor of a lifetime; but I want to tell you it was partly because I did not know it all — I have learned something ever since I have been a trustee of that institution. I have learned this, — to doubt if the bureau of Finance and Administration of Massachusetts would ever sanction the appropriation of a dollar, because some of them believe that when our Comrades are gone that institution will be gone entirely. I don't wholly agree with that view of the situation, but still it is their idea that when we are gone, that Soldiers' Home will be abolished.

"Now I will tell you what my board, appointed by Governor Cox did. We recommended that the Home be ceded to Massachusetts in fee simple for the purpose of taking care of future problems; but that is apart from the present question. The very last thing I want to say now is that for the life of me I cannot see, and I don't believe Comrade Beatty can see, or any of the trustees, — any sort of a proposition whereby we can inaugurate anything of that sort. This proposition came to our last meeting as a board of trustees of the Home, and we have met it; and really if I were speaking for that association I should know what to tell this organization — to meet such a proposition as that. But I am frank to say I never expected to make such a point here, sir, because I believe in it as a Home. It is a Home now, but will it be a home if we should mix the sexes there?

"I am opposed to it from top to bottom, and from the beginning to the end, and from inside to outside, because I don't believe it is a feasible proposition for the trustees of the Soldiers' Home to solve."

Comrade Bean of Post 154: "It seems to me I am not in a condition to vote on this proposition, and I don't think the Encampment is; and so I move that this Resolution be laid on the table."

Comrade Goodwin: "I second that motion."

Commander: "The motion has been made and seconded that this Resolution

be laid upon the table. Are you ready for the question? [The question having been put it is so voted.] And this Resolution is accordingly laid on the table."

Comrade Darling of Post 10: "Now I move you, sir, that we proceed to the election of officers. There are a number of the Comrades going, and we have gotten tired of this."

Comrade Goodwin: "I have only two more Resolutions.

"RESOLVED: That it is the sense of this convention that a soldier of the Civil War, who served for thirty days and was honorably discharged, should be entitled to a pension; and that a copy of this Resolution be sent to our Representative in Congress."

"The Committee does not know what to say about this; they were ham-strung by the purport of it and did not know what to do." [The Commander reads the resolution, and upon a motion to indefinitely postpone, which was duly seconded, the question was put and it was so voted.]

Comrade Goodwin: "BE IT RESOLVED: That hereafter all members of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, shall be *ex-officio* members of the Department Encampment."

"This is signed 'J. W. Bean, Commander of Post 145, Attleboro.' The Committee leave that to the discretion of the Encampment."

Commander: "This Resolution reads as follows (reading same), and your Committee declines to make any recommendation. What action will you take on this?" [It is moved and seconded that it be laid on the table, and it is so voted.]

Comrade John R. Sears, Post 174: "I understand in the town of Greenfield where I live the impression prevails among the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Legion and also veterans of Foreign Wars, that the line of march in Boston is this way, — That the Spanish-American War veterans take the lead and the other two in the rear, and then come the Comrades and the Sons in the rear, on Memorial Day. We are having lots of trouble up there, and I think I have sifted out the thing, having worked three years in a hard fight; and as I understand it now, that if the Sons of Union Veterans are escort to the Grand Army of the Republic some organizations will not march. I told them that the Sons of Veterans are the escort and always will be as long as the Grand Army of the Republic lives; and I have given them an invitation to cooperate on Memorial Day, but I shall make the line of march. If Boston has changed its line of march I might change mine — if they have. But I learned today that they have not. So when I get home I am going to have a letter from the Commander-in-Chief, and as long as I am Commander of that Post the Grand Army will go first; we never have been known to go in the rear and I don't propose to go there now. The Sons of Veterans will always be with us, and if the others don't see fit to cooperate with us, they'd better stay at home."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "This came up in the Sons of Veterans, and a letter was received from them regarding formation of Memorial Day parade, and if you read the report of Council of Administration you will see that a letter was sent back to the Sons addressed to George B. Stratton of Middleboro, one of the district commanders. [Reading letter spread upon page 49 of this journal.] This letter was approved by the Council of Administration.

"The General Order which will go out for Memorial Day will give, just as it has given for two years, the line of parade, — the military escort ahead; the Sons of Veterans the official escort of the Grand Army; then the Grand Army of the Republic, the Spanish War veterans, the American Legion, Foreign Wars, etc. But we do not ask them to be our escort; we ask them to be a part of our parade, and we furnish the escort." (Applause.)

Commander: "Are there any committees to report at this time?"

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

Total number present	325
Department Officers	11
Past Department Commanders	10
Post Commanders	89
Past Post Commanders	65
Post Senior Vice-Commanders	38
Post Junior Vice-Commanders	35
Delegates	77
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Total	325

"You have heard the report of the Committee on Credentials, and the same will be received and entered in the records."

Comrade Chute, Post 60: "Mr. Commander, I move that we now proceed to the election of officers." [Seconded and so voted.]

Commander: "The Comrades will bring in their nominations for Commander."

Comrade Beatty: "I move that the Assistant Adjutant-General be instructed to deposit one ballot for the present Commander Henry A. Monk."

Senior Vice-Commander Edwin J. Foster: (Taking the chair.) "Are you ready for the question? All in favor of this motion? —" [It is a vote.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "In accordance with the vote of this Encampment I deposit one ballot bearing the name of Comrade Henry A. Monk of Post 87 of South Braintree, as Commander."

Chairman Foster: "By this action you have elected Henry A. Monk as your Commander for the coming year. Commander, I congratulate you."

Commander Monk: "Comrades, I thank you. I will not take up the time to make any remarks now, because the hour is late, but I thank you very much for the honor conferred upon me."

Past Department Commander Wilder: "I move you, sir, that the Assistant Adjutant-General casts one ballot bearing the name of Edwin J. Foster for Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year." [This motion was seconded and it was so voted.]

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "In accordance with the vote of the Encampment I deposit one ballot bearing the name of Edwin J. Foster of Post 10 for Senior Vice-Commander."

Commander: "By your action you have elected Comrade Foster to be your Senior Vice-Commander for the ensuing year. Comrade Foster, I congratulate you."

Comrade Foster: "I take this opportunity to merely say that I thank you, and some other time will try and be more expressive."

Commander: "Further nominations are now in order."

Comrade Wade, Post 13: "I rise to present a Comrade whom I consider qualified and equipped for the position of Junior Vice-Commander. I speak of the present Commander of F. W. Pierce Post No. 8 of Middleboro who has also been Commander of the Plymouth County Association G. A. R., president of the Middleboro Cooperative Bank, and who is president of the Soldiers' Monument Committee at Middleboro. The Comrade of whom I speak, Alvin C. Howes, has acted as moderator for the town of Middleboro for many years, and he is qualified in parliamentary affairs."

"I am in love with all my Comrades, but at this time I am particularly prejudiced in favor of Plymouth County, Dukes County and Barnstable in reference to this position, because they have not been represented for forty years in the junior officers. Therefore we would like some one from southeastern Massachusetts to represent us in the Grand Army, and you will make no mistake in placing Comrade Alvin C. Howes as your Junior Vice-Commander. He is young in years but old in experience with respect to everything that relates to the Grand Army of the Republic."

A Comrade from Barnstable County: "I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Alvin C. Howes, speaking as a representative from Barnstable County which has never had an officer in the Department."

Comrade Bishop of Post 88: "As you will note by the flyers scattered about the hall, Comrade James H. Webb is a candidate for the office of Junior Vice-Commander. He has served not only as our Commander at Quincy, but also as a member of the Council of Administration and I believe he is the man who can occupy such an important office not only to be an honor to the Grand Army of Massachusetts, but he will be a credit to himself and to you all. I speak for the man and not for any section."

Past Department Commander Knowles, Post 36: "I take great pleasure in seconding the nomination of Comrade James H. Webb. He is a web-foot as well as in name — and a 'flat cap'; and I would be glad to see an old 'flat cap' holding that position of Junior Vice-Commander."

Comrade Minot Crane, Post 193: "It seems to me that it would be unwise to choose from any single county officers from year to year for the Encampment. We have chosen already a Commander from Norfolk County, and how many commanders have we had from that county in the last few years? Why put in a Junior Vice-Commander from that county? I respect Comrade Webb very much, but southeastern Massachusetts has only had one election for the last forty years, and is that fair to that locality?" [On a motion to proceed to vote, ballots are distributed for the office of Junior Vice-Commander.]

Past Department Commander Ham: "We have a man who has served us in the nation as Medical Director, and you all heard from him last year when he told us how we could easily procure our pension, and wherever he went as Medical Director in Massachusetts no one failed to receive that advice from him which helped them to procure the pension. And I nominate Dr. John Gilbert of Fall River for the office of Medical Director."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I second that nomination." [It was moved that nominations close and that one ballot be deposited, which was done.]

Commander: "The next officer to be elected is Chaplain."

Comrade Chute: "Mr. Commander, I stood on my feet last year and put in nomination Comrade George W. Nead of Norwood for the office of Chaplain. You heard his voice this morning, and you can see how strong he is; and I have the pleasure again this afternoon to nominate him for Department Chaplain for the ensuing year, — Rev. George W. Nead of Post 169 of Norwood."

Past Department Commander Goodwin: "I desire to second the nomination of Rev. George W. Nead for Department Chaplain." [On motion, nominations are closed and one ballot voted to be cast for Comrade Nead as Chaplain.]

Comrade Chute: "A few minutes ago Comrade Nead came over and said, 'If you have good luck tender my thanks to the Department,' and I do so now with great pleasure."

Commander: "Is the Committee appointed to present a list of candidates for Council of Administration ready to report?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I would suggest that the election of Delegates and of members to the Council of Administration be carried over until tomorrow morning. And I would move that when we adjourn it be to meet at 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning in this hall." [The suggestion and motion are seconded.]

Commander: "It is moved and seconded that when this Encampment adjourns it be to meet at 9:30 tomorrow morning. [And it is so voted.]

"The chairman of the committee will report on the balloting for Junior Vice-Commander."

Report: Whole number of votes, 138. Necessary for a choice, 70. Comrade Howe, 50. Comrade Webb, 88.

Commander: "I therefore declare Comrade James H. Webb elected Junior Vice-Commander of this Department for the ensuing year."

Comrade Howe: "Comrade Webb has won out, and I rise to move that the nomination and election be made unanimous."

Commander: "It is moved by Comrade Howe that this vote be made unanimous, and I so declare it."

[Voted to adjourn until 9:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, April 13th.]

SECOND DAY.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1927, 9:30 A.M.

Commander: "In accordance with the adjournment from the session of yesterday, Comrades will now again come to order. We have delayed the opening somewhat because many of the Comrades went out yesterday before adjournment and did not know the hour of assembling. However, I now declare this Encampment open for the transaction of business.

"I want to say that if you determine to march to the banquet hall as usual, I would like to have the Comrades remain in this hall here until we get ready to form the procession. The wind outside is very cool, and if you go out before the installation of officers you will have to wait here some time, and it is not safe for men of our age to stand in such inclement weather.

"The first business this morning is the completion of the election of officers. We will listen to the report on Council of Administration."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Following is the list of names as prepared by the Committee: Charles L. Robinson, Post 4; David King, Post 15; James F. Flynn, Post 26; Henri Batchelder, Post 156; A. Otis Chamberlin, Post 30.

Commander: "You have heard the report of the Committee, and what action will you take?"

Past Department Commander Wilder: "Is it right to put a Comrade on the Council of Administration for four consecutive years? — is it customary in this Encampment to do it?"

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Put him on as many years as you want to vote for him. If you object, all you have got to do is to suggest somebody else. Unless you desire to present some one else this report will be deposited as one list — one ballot; and if the Comrade has no one to suggest I move that the one ballot be deposited. [Motion is seconded and so voted.]

"Commander, I deposit this as one ballot bearing the names for Council of Administration as read."

Commander. "By your act you have elected these Comrades as the Council of Administration for the ensuing year.

"Now the report of the Committee on Delegates to the National Encampment."

LIST OF REPRESENTATIVES TO 61ST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Delegates.

John Gilbert, Post 46.
John J. Ryder, Post 203.

Jason B. Hersey, Post 74.
Alvin C. Howes, Post 8.

John E. Bronson, Post 144.
William B. Webber, Post 143.

Alternates.

District No. 1.

John Spare, Post 190.
Edward Hague, Post 46.

District No. 2.

Samuel J. Wade, Post 13.
John F. Hatch, Post 73.

District No. 3.

Nat. S. Barry, Post 102.
P. A. Phinney, Post 143.

District No. 4.

George L. Hall, Post 2.
David King, Post 15.

W. A. Copeland, Post 26.
A. A. Nickerson, Post 35.

District No. 5.

Alexander S. Wright, Post 5.
William E. Carlton, Post 49.
John A. Brackett, Post 146.

Amos Bradford, Post 146.
Charles Peel, Post 49.
C. O. Kelly, Post 47.

District No. 6.

Francis J. O'Reilly, Post 56.
Henri Batchelder, Post 156.
A. Otis Chamberlin, Post 30.
William C. M. Howe, Post 194.

Orrin Stone, Post 40.
A. C. Ambler, Post 63.
D. L. Page, Post 42.
James Beatty, Post 29.

District No. 7.

John W. Fairbanks, Post 80.
A. A. Buxton, Post 19.
George W. Corey, Post 168.

George S. Whitney, Post 22.
Charles S. Houghton, Post 53.
G. T. Darling, Post 10.

District No. 8.

William H. Abbott, Post 71.

Henry H. Hoisington, Post 16.

District No. 9.

J. R. Hamilton, Post 171.

John R. Sears, Post 174.

James F. Flynn, Post 26, Delegate-at-large.

E. H. Lincoln, Post 125, Alternate-at-large.

Commander: "Comrades, you now have before you the report of the Committee on Delegates to attend the next National Encampment." [On motion that one ballot be cast by the Assistant Adjutant-General bearing the names as read it is so voted.]

A Comrade: "There are a number of Comrades outside and continually arriving who want to know if they can come in and on the floor of the house, so to speak."

Commander: "No, the matter was laid on the table. The next is unfinished business."

Past Department Commander Ham: "I rise to make the motion that the matter in relation to Sons and Daughters of Veterans, — that the Delegation be authorized to present it to the National Encampment at Dayton, the same as we have passed it here."

Assistant Adjutant-General: "I second the motion."

Commander: "It is moved and seconded that the Delegates to the National Encampment be instructed to present to that body the Resolution adopted by this Encampment making the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War the legal heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic for Memorial Day purposes. Are you ready to so instruct your Delegates? [It is so voted.]

"And it is a unanimous vote. The Delegates will take notice accordingly. Unfinished business is now in order; is there any unfinished business to come before this Encampment? I hear none.

"New business? — has any Comrade any new business to propose? We have a few minutes now before we expect any delegations, and would like to hear from any Comrade with anything for the good of the order."

Comrade Flynn: "I see you have elected delegates to the National Encampment, and at the last Department Encampment I made a motion that music be procured for the parade. I renew that motion now, — that we have some sort of music for the parade at Dayton, Ohio."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I second that motion."

Commander: "It is moved and seconded that this Department provide some sort of music to participate in the parade at Dayton, Ohio, during National Encampment."

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "I wish you would change that a little so as to indicate what we want."

Past Department Commander Comey: "From experience in marching my opinion is that we should show what Massachusetts is, by our marching; if we want good marching we can get the better step behind drum and fife."

Comrade King, Post 15: "On the amending of that motion I would move you, sir, that it be the sense of this meeting that at Dayton, Ohio, we have a drum-and-fife corps."

Comrade Flynn: "I make the motion that the Adjutant-General procure a band." [Seconded by Comrade Gay.]

Commander: "I think I will put Comrade Flynn's motion first, — that we furnish music, and then have it decided what it shall be. [The motion is so put, and it is a vote.]

"Now, this Comrade on my left has moved that a drum corps be procured. Is that motion seconded? [It is — by Commander Comey.]

Comrade Flynn: "May I amend that motion by saying that the Assistant Adjutant-General procure a band?"

Commander: "What is your pleasure as to Comrade Flynn's amendment to Comrade King's motion? [The meeting votes to entertain it.]

"Now the question is on the motion as amended, that the Assistant Adjutant-General furnish a band at Dayton, Ohio. [It is so voted.] (It being announced that a delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary is at the outpost, Comrades Comey and Andrew Culley are assigned the duty of escort.)

"We are now ready to receive this delegation from the Sons of Veterans Auxiliary. (The delegation enters and the ladies — Anna Keene, Ada Ewell and Elizabeth Gates — are presented to the Encampment.)

"We are very happy to greet you this beautiful day, and hope that your visit with us will be pleasant to you as well as instructive to us — of which we have no doubt. Comrades, we are all honored by this visit, and I have the especial honor to introduce to you the National President, — Mrs. Anna Keene. (Applause.)

Mrs. Anna Keene: "Department Commander Monk and Comrades in convention assembled, I am more than happy to be here and bring to you the greetings of the national organization Auxiliary Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. I wish for you a most happy and harmonious convention, for we are very proud of you, and we pledge anew to you our loyalty; and if at any time we can be of any service to you we shall be most happy to do so. Again wishing you Godspeed in your noble work, I thank you."

Commander: "I now present Miss Ewell, Division Inspector of this Auxiliary." (Applause.)

Miss Ada Ewell: "Comrades of the Grand Army, it is indeed a pleasure for me to come here this morning and bring to you the greetings of the Division of Massachusetts Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans. I had the pleasure last year of being on the Greeting Committee, and assure you that I considered it one of the greatest honors I could possibly be given — to be allowed to come to Faneuil Hall and see these — I won't say old men because you don't look a bit older than last year. You may be older in years, but I wish that younger people had the young hearts you have. Your lives are just simply an inspiration to us.

"We were indeed saddened by the passing out of your commander, Comrade Brown. — Our Encampment voted the following Resolutions and wished them to be read here, and if I may be allowed I would like to read the resolutions as they were adopted:—

‘WHEREAS — The Great Commander above has removed from his earthly activities the late beloved Commander of the Massachusetts Department, Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Brown, and called him to lay down his work at a time when his presence and ideas seemed of the greatest importance to the grand organization he so ably served;

‘RESOLVED — That the sincere sympathy of the Auxiliary of Sons of Union Veterans of Massachusetts in Encampment assembled, be extended to the Massachusetts Department, Grand Army of the Republic, in Encampment while in session in Faneuil Hall, and to his family, to whom his loss is irreparable;

‘RESOLVED — That this organization renews its interest in, and allegiance to, the Grand Army of the Republic, assuring it that our love and gratitude to its members grows stronger as time advances;

‘RESOLVED — That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Encampment, and forwarded to the Massachusetts Department, Grand Army of the Republic, as well as to the family of our late Commander.’

“I know that you all feel as sad as we do to have this great loss come at this time.

“And now, Commander Monk, my associates all wished for me to bring you their love, and as they could not all come they desired to send something so you might know they were with you; and if you will accept this little token of the love and esteem of every girl in Massachusetts” (making a presentation) —

Commander Monk: “I accept this in the spirit it is given. It needed no token for me to realize that the heart of every member of the Auxiliary was with me. I had a pleasant surprise yesterday when two members of the Auxiliary of my own town presented me with a beautiful bouquet — entirely unexpected.

“I have always been deeply interested in the Auxiliary, and I am interested in the Sons of Veterans, and know that they depend largely on the Auxiliary for support, comfort and encouragement. I thank you for your visit here today, and for the stone you hand me, and shall hold it and you in remembrance for a long time to come. I now present Mrs. Elizabeth Gates, of the Council of Administration.”

Mrs. Elizabeth Gates: “This is my first visit to this Encampment. We have always worked for the interests of the Grand Army, and hope we always may. I have no special message to bring to you, only to tell you how glad I am to be present.”

(A delegation of Sons of Veterans then appears, and is given a hearty welcome and escorted to the stage amidst considerable enthusiasm.)

Past Department Commander Comey: “I have the honor and the pleasure of introducing to you this morning this representation from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, who are to be our successors in Memorial Day services and exercises.”

Commander Monk: “I welcome you all to this Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and we are glad to assure you that we have made you partial heirs of the Grand Army of the Republic, which you certainly should be.” (Messrs. Bronson, Sisson, Weiler and Richardson of the Delegation are formally presented.) “I am more than pleased to greet you all upon this occasion, speaking as I do for the Comrades here assembled. And Comrades without further word I will present to you Past Division Commander Bronson who will address you.”

Past Division Commander A. A. Bronson: “Comrades of the Grand Army, across these years of life there has flowed a stream of love, carrying upon its breast a splendid message, — love from the hearts of the Commonwealth for a service which represents the finest trait of human nature — the trait of patriotic love.

"This Commonwealth has paid its tribute of respect and joy of the human heart to the veterans of the Civil War because of their service and their sacrifice, their ministry, their ideals; and we come this day glad of heart for the sixty years of devoted love and ministry which you have manifested, and as your sons and rightful heirs to the task of ministering love, service and reverence, in the days that are coming, we shall find great pleasure and happiness in such a ministry, as we have in the past out of 45 communities in this great state.

"Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, sixty years of wondrous devotion and fidelity to more than an ideal have been written into the history of this country. No hand can ever blot from the record, or remove from memory this example of a fine citizenship which alone has been shown by the Veterans of the Civil War. And we who are your sons come this day to your assemblage proud of the heritage that is ours, and joyous in the remembrance of that glorious ministry of sixty years." (Applause.)

Past Commander-in-Chief Harry Sisson: "Comrades of my father and of the Grand Army of the Republic, the heritage of my father to me — most appreciated of all — was what every one of you is going to leave to your heirs, — the heritage of service — moderate service, but honest service — when the country called. No devotion exceeds that which offers its all upon the altar of country!

"For forty-three years I have belonged to the Sons of Veterans, and for forty-three years have cherished the desire to become the heir of my father, in all the glory of his service to his country. And I come to you today representing the Sons of Union Veterans assembled in an adjacent hall, to express to you our gratitude because Massachusetts again leads in answering the call of its Sons to make them the heirs of the traditions and memories of your service.

"Massachusetts, as usual, leads in this particular respect, and I want to say to you that because I have wished for this thing for forty-three solid years, the gratitude I am trying to extend to you today from your Sons is unqualified. It cannot be measured in words. We thank you sincerely, and hope that the example you have set will be followed by the National body of the Grand Army of the Republic.

"I will not now take more of your time, but I desire to have you feel that our devotion to you will remain and continue as it has in the past. There is a great lesson to be taught as coming from the Grand Army of the Republic, because it is all too prevalent today that your deeds are fast being forgotten in the press and strain of modern living. Some one should keep it alive and carry on, and logically it should be your heirs; and we are grateful for the recognition which this Encampment has tendered to our organization. Again I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "I now present to you Past Division Commander Weiler of the Sons of Union Veterans." (Applause.)

Past Division Commander Henry F. Weiler: "Department Commander and Comrades, — I want to say a word on behalf of the third generation — grandsons of the Veterans. I had the distinguished pleasure and honor a year ago of being a co-worker with your Department Commander Comey, — a more splendid type of man and soldier I have never met.

"And I want to pay a tribute and tell you on behalf of the Sons of Union Veterans that when you lost our Department Commander Brown we lost a splendid advocate and friend of our order. We shall miss him as you miss him, and we have been as sad as we met in Tremont Temple today as you must be in this historic hall.

"I never had the double pleasure of meeting you men in this famous hall, and I won't attempt to make a speech, but would like to quote a few lines of poetry indicative of one of our objects, which is veneration and reverence for the flag.

"What do you see as the Flag goes by?
 Just a banner of red with the blue?
 Just a patch of gay color against the sky?
 What does it mean to you?
 Perhaps some saw the blue
 Of Colonial Valley Forge that winter years ago,
 And the crimson stains of poor patriots' feet trudging along in the snow.
 And some — of that red is a murdered President's blood;
 That wide Potomac's far view across the stream to Arlington,
 Where sleep in peace the men who wore the blue.
 And some can see the poppies flaming red
 Under blue skies across the sea,
 And the prayers to pure souls made white by sacrifice to make the
 whole world free!
 So what do you see? Just a patch of gay color against the sky?
 And what does it mean to you?"

Past Commander Guy Richardson: "Comrades, tomorrow will be the 14th day of April, and it reminds me of my father; and there is just one message I can bring here today.

"He did not die sixty-two years ago; he was only born then; and I want to tell you, Comrades, that when Gettysburg is but a memory, your devotion, your service will be summed up in legend, tradition and history of the spirit of your immortal leader. And I want to speak of three different ways in which this will be revealed in the future.

"Wherever fifty or a hundred years from now there is a righteous cause to be struggled for there will ever be the spirit and inspiration of Abraham Lincoln in its association with the righteous cause that he represented." (Applause.) "A great English poet has written a line worthy of a Shakespeare, — 'No man is free while one for freedom yearns'; and so long as there is a black man in the heart of Africa, or a dark-skinned man in India, who is suffering oppression and slavery, just so long will the name and inspiration of Abraham Lincoln be the promise of a better day. Wherever on this broad footstool there has been born today, in poverty perhaps, with apparently no opportunity for advancement, — and yet with the great yearning that he might get somewhere before he dies — to that man the greatest of all human inspirations may be found in the story of the struggles of your Great Leader.

"And so I leave this message with you, — that it is your supreme glory, not that you carried a gun on the field of Gettysburg; not that you were willing to lay down your lives for that Flag; but in the Providence of God, whose greatest creation was the making of a man, you made yourself into that heroic mould — the greatest in all history." (Applause.)

Commander: "I desire to thank you all for this visit today and to assure you that I think every Comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic in this Encampment assembled appreciates all that your organization has helped us to do during the years of your existence." (This delegation retires followed by cheers and renewed applause. (The Ladies of the G. A. R. are announced.)

Past Department Commander Morrill: "Commander, I have not only the honor but the great pleasure of introducing to you and the Comrades of this Encampment Mrs. Emily J. Tompkins, National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R."

Commander: "I cordially welcome the Ladies all, and hope their stay will be pleasant; and I know it will be instructive to us. (Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox, Past National President, Mrs. Lizzie Nickerson and Mrs. Frances C. Linnell, P. D. P., similarly presented and greeted.)

"Comrades of the Department, I am sure we are gratified to receive this delegation from the Ladies of the Grand Army, and I first wish to introduce to you the National President."

Mrs. Emily J. Tompkins: "Commander and Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, it is indeed a very great privilege to stand before you today as the national representative of the Ladies of the G. A. R., the blood-kin of the Civil War veterans. I stand here before you today not only as national president of our organization, but I bring to you the greetings of our national body. .

"I am here also as the daughter of a Union veteran who volunteered service from the Empire State for the defence of our Union in 1861-65." (Applause.)

"I am very proud of this heritage which has come to me, and which has made it possible for our great organization to be in existence. We are not only founded upon the members of the Grand Army of the Republic but we bear that glorious name which we will carry on to eternity; and not only am I proud to be a daughter of a Civil War veteran but also proud to be the mother of two World War veterans." (Applause.) "Two very lively boys — all I have in the world, and I offered their services as you did; and when they left I did not know that they would ever come back to me. I then realized, Commander and dear Comrades, what my mother and my grandmother felt when their boys went out, as you Boys did in '61-'65.

"I thank you for the privilege of coming here to your convention, though I am only accompanying the Greetings Committee from the Department of Massachusetts, Ladies of the G. A. R.; and also to accompany our Past National President, Mrs. Tarbox. Our Committee will have something to say to you later which will be of very great interest to you all. I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "I now have the pleasure of presenting Mrs. Tarbox, Past National President of the Ladies of the G. A. R."

Mrs. Mary E. Tarbox: "Comrades, once again I have the great and overpowering pleasure of standing before this magnificent body of men.

"I have told you many times that to me the Grand Army of the Republic members who are with us are the grandest and most noble organization that we have today in the United States. My father was a veteran and gave his life at Gettysburg, and I have always felt as though I was doing special reverence to him when I stand in a Grand Army meeting and address you.

"You certainly have heard me many times, but I shall come just as many times as I can when the convention convenes here in Boston. We have reason to feel proud and thankful to think that we are all permitted to meet here once again. We have had during the past year many very sad changes, and you in Massachusetts have been especially bereft. My heart was with you all when I read the papers in the past few weeks and saw what great sorrow had come to you; and although you may have satisfaction in the progress of your convention, I know you have the same feeling of depression that we all have. Therefore I am going to give a few words of appreciation for those who are gone, and voice the feelings you must have at this time:—

"We call them absent, the ones passed away,
The dear Comrades who have just gone before,
But somehow I feel they are with us today
More real now that earth's cares are o'er.

We cannot forget them; we see them again;
We remember the words that they said;
No longer they're inmates of temples of pain;
We know they are living — not dead!

And as you place beautiful flowers,
Tributes of your love to them,
They seem very near, those dear ones of ours;
We feel they are with us again!

For Heaven is nearer than mortals,
 Where they look with trembling dread
 At the misty future that stretches on
 To the silent home of the dead.

'Tis no lone isle on a boundless main,
 No brilliant but distant shore
 Where our dear ones who are called away
 Must go to return no more.

No, — Heaven is near us; the mighty veil
 Of mortality blinds the eye,
 That we cannot see the angel bands
 On the shores of Eternity.

Immortal pleasures fill the golden hours,
 Undreamed of beauty basks on every hand,
 And odorous fragrance from the flowers
 Fills all that peaceful land.

The eye that shuts in the dying hour
 Will open the next in bliss;
 The welcome will sound in the Heavenly world
 Ere the farewell is hushed in this.

And somewhere again in the hill-tops
 Of that country that knoweth no pain,
 In the gateway of God's glorious temple
 They will give us the hand-clasp again!"

(Written by MARY ELEANOR TARBOX.)

Commander: "I now have great pleasure in presenting to you a Past Department President, Mrs. Linnell."

Mrs. Frances C. Linnell: "Department Commander and Comrades, so many of whom I recognize, — It is a privilege to me to come to Faneuil Hall and bring to you the greetings of the Massachusetts Department, Ladies of the G. A. R., and to assure you that we share with you a sorrow in the loss of your late Commander Brown.

"Previous to this past year Comrade Brown was not known to many of us, but during that period through his frequent talks in our order, and his genial and courteous ways, we have come to love him as a comrade and admire him as a man.

"Now, Mr. Commander, the Ladies of the G. A. R. enjoy the favor of holding their meetings in Department Headquarters at the State House, and it is with great pleasure they send you this check for \$100, hoping that it may assist you in some way, even though the amount is not really large.

"I do not see Comrade Wetherbee [absent on a committee of visitation], so I am going to give this to you knowing you will see that he gets it. The Ladies of the G. A. R. are greatly interested in the home for comrades and their wives, and they send to the John A. Andrew Home this check for \$100. (Applause.)

"Now, I wish for you during the coming year all success it is possible for you to have; and I assure you that the Ladies of the G. A. R. will always do what they can to help you; and, Comrade Monk, if you are not acquainted with the Ladies of our organization, I hope you will soon become so."

Commander Monk: "I certainly shall try to. (Applause.) Mrs. Linnell, on behalf of the Comrades of the Department of Massachusetts. I extend to you our thanks for this material tribute of your interest in us. I will also thank

you — but I hope Comrade Wetherbee will be back before you retire, so he can thank you personally. I will see that he gets this check, and know that he will highly appreciate the favor you grant the Home. It is a worthy object, and such as this is the only dependence they have for support, — voluntary contributions; and I will say that the allied societies are very generous in their benefactions. I again thank you."

Mrs. Lizzie Nickerson: "Department Commander and Comrades of this Encampment, I am sure that in all my life I never had the honor bestowed on me today when our Department President appointed me on the Reception Committee to bring greetings to this assembly; I could not express the feeling that came into my heart when she said — 'You are to carry greetings with Sister Linnell to the Grand Army.' And after I got into the convention I understood that I was going to be more highly honored and was going to be an escort with Sister Linnell of our beloved National President and Past National President.

"Now, I cannot say that I am a daughter, but I am a niece; and more than that — I am the wife of one of your comrades, Albert A. Nickerson. I want to say it is a very great satisfaction to me to work for the boys, especially my work in the last three years at the Soldiers' Home. We have done a wonderful work, and I see two or three of your comrades from the home right in this Encampment, and they can vouch for the fact that the committee from the Ladies of the G. A. R. have not neglected the boys at the home.

"They are the boys who need cheering words and pleasant smiles.

"Now, I desire to say to your Commander that I wish the very best success for the coming year, and hope that he will have health and happiness. And I am very proud and thankful to be with Sister Linnell and bring this little token of our esteem.

"Thank you again, and wish you all God's blessing." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Speaking for the Comrades, I thank you and assure you that your visit here is just as gratifying to them as to yourselves, and their appreciation is great for the work you are doing for our comfort and benefit. (The Army Nurses are announced.)

Comrade Foster: "I regard it a great honor to introduce to you one of our dear old Nurses, — one I am acquainted with — her husband having been at one time the Commander of Post 10 in Worcester, Mrs. Helen E. Smith."

Commander: "I want you to know, Mrs. Smith, how dearly you are held in the hearts of the Grand Army, and to personally express to you my individual feeling toward the Army Nurses from experience with them in my service."

Commander: "Comrades of this Department, I want to present to you Mrs. Helen E. Smith, one of our dear old Army Nurses who gave us such care and comfort in our distress during our service when we needed mothering as much as anything to bring us through severe disability at that time. They did it faithfully and well, and we thank God that they have been spared so long and are able to visit us here today." (Applause.)

Mrs. Helen E. Smith: "Comrades, it would not be a convention unless we could look into your faces. We looked into your faces when you were young men, and today you are just the same, only dearer. Every year we are nearer to each other.

"All the Nurses here today are past eighty-seven years of age. Mrs. Hazen, our dear President, is at the hotel but not able to come with us. Everybody is so good and kind to us. We have had lovely weather. My former home was in Worcester — I can hardly talk I am so overcome with so many ovations; but I hope that next year I may be able to come again and extend to you our greetings." (Applause.)

Commander: "Now I present to you another Mrs. Smith; also an old Army Nurse. The name 'Smith' seems to be pretty thoroughly associated with the government of the United States from its inception; but we are thankful that

this Mrs. Smith can again visit us, as she has many times before. Mrs. Mary Smith of Lowell."

Mrs. Mary Smith: "My dear old Comrades, it gives me pleasure to meet with you today. Mrs. Hazen is sick in the hotel and could not come with us this year, but I should not be contented if I could not come to your Encampment to say How-do-you-do and Goodby.

"We have had a pleasant time, and hope to be with you next year if the Lord is willing, for He in his love has preserved us all these years. You were our chums for two years and eight months in the war days, and gave you the best there was in us — I certainly did.

"I am delighted to be here, and wish you Godspeed in the conduct of your convention; and hope you will go home feeling better for coming. I hope to be with you again, and God bless you." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Ladies, we are more than pleased to see you here —"

Mrs. Smith: "I am young — I am only eighty-seven."

Commander: "Well, I will soon reach there myself. I am going to see you at Lowell some time."

A Comrade (as the Nurses leave the hall): "What would we have done without you!" (Comrades Clark, Corey and Howes and others for a quota are detailed to escort to the platform a delegation from the Women's Relief Corps reported in waiting.)

Comrade Clark: "Mr. Commander, I wish to introduce Mrs. Christy, National President of the Women's Relief Corps."

Commander: "It is almost superfluous to say that we hope your presence here will be enjoyable, and I know it will be instructive to us. Comrades, I present to you Mrs. Edith Mason Christy, National President of the Women's Relief Corps."

Edith Mason Christy: "Department Commander and Comrades, I think no greater honor could possibly come to me than to stand before you this morning and be permitted to extend to you the greetings and the love and highest regard from nearly 200,000 members in the Women's Relief Corps.

"I have had the great pleasure and good fortune to travel with your Commander-in-Chief and his party and it has been a great honor and a delight to be in the company of such fine men. It would be impossible, Comrades, for me to express to you the real love and veneration that the Women's Relief Corps has for the Boys in Blue; and as I stand before you and look into your faces, one little thought comes to me that I have often heard my mother remark, — that you are 'a mighty nice likely-looking set of fellers.'

"I am going to take only one more moment, but I do want to say to you that I have thanked my Maker many times for the vision which the Comrades had when they said at the time the Women's Relief Corps was organized forty-five years ago that into the membership should be taken not only the wives, mothers, daughters and sisters but every loyal lady; for until the end of time we shall always have loyal women. And may your record forever stand as the greatest and the grandest record of any men in this world. Just these few lines:

"Some one cares for you more than you know;
Never forgets you wherever you go.
Some one is wishing you health and good cheer,
And worlds of happiness year after year, —
Because somebody cares for you — Oh, so much!"

(Applause.)

Commander: "Comrades, I now wish to present to you our own Department President of the Women's Relief Corps of Massachusetts, Mrs. Hattie A. Calahan, who has been a co-worker with our Department Commander Brown during all the year, and has given him hearty support in his work. I am very sorry that he could not be here today to welcome her and present her to this Department."



HATTIE A. CALAHAN
DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT
WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS
1926 — 1927

Hattie A. Calahan: "Commander Monk, National Officers and Comrades of the Grand Army, it is certainly a very great inspiration for me to come here today and look into your faces; but of course a tinge of sorrow comes with it.

"Today I am going to render you my report for the year:—

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN'S RELIEF CORPS
AUXILIARIES TO GRAND ARMY OF REPUBLIC.
BOSTON, April 13, 1927.

HENRY A. MONK, *Department of Massachusetts,
Grand Army:*

DEAR SIR, —

I present herewith a statement of the membership, receipts and expenditures of the Department of Massachusetts Women's Relief Corps during the administration of the past year.

Number of Corps in the Department, January 1, 1927	158
Number of members January 1, 1927	13,113
Cash expended from Corps relief fund	\$4,464.71
Amount turned over to Posts of G. A. R.	3,186.16
Estimated value of relief other than money	1,671.74
Expended from Special funds:	
Soldiers' Home Fund, care 3 rooms	7.95
Department relief funds	1,961.00
Soldiers' Home Dormitory Fund	106.97
Emergency Fund	217.50
Americanization	91.02
Preservation of frigate <i>Constitution</i>	42.42
John A. Andrew Home, by Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee	610.00
Child Welfare	27.00
Sarah E. Fuller Memorial Fund	13.00
Flower Fund	13.60
Amount on hand in Department funds:	
Department relief fund	\$1,500.97
General Fund	4,512.56
Soldiers' Home Dormitory Fund	272.97
Soldiers' Home Fund, 3 rooms	235.23
Emergency Fund	1,078.51
Mary Jones Patriotic Fund	237.31
Child Welfare Fund	155.92
World War Veterans' Fund	400.70
Americanization and College Fund	233.15
Cemetery Memorial Fund	67.00
Flower Fund	73.60
Sarah E. Fuller Memorial Fund	24.78

Total cash in all funds \$8,798.70

Respectfully submitted

in F., C. and L.,

HATTIE A. CALAHAN, *Department President.*

(Applause.)

"Now, Commander Monk, I am very happy today to think I can come to this convention of the Grand Army of the Republic and present to them a check for — one thousand dollars. (Applause.)

"And Comrades, this is the lady who has worked hard this year to raise this money we give to you." (Presents Mrs. Caroline R. Morse to the Encampment.)

Commander Monk: "Mrs. Calahan, I was struck dumb awhile ago on the receipt of a check, but I am more so now and at a loss for words to express the appreciation of this Department and myself for this magnificent check presented to us by the Women's Relief Corps. Year after year you come and present us something in material form, in addition to what you confer mentally by your devotion to the principles for which we fought.

"I thank you, and that is all that I can say, for this magnificent contribution, and I assure you that the comrades of the Department of Massachusetts will use this to the best advantage, and it will come very handy in the conduct of the Department. I will place this in the hands of Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee, and it will go from him to the Assistant Quartermaster-General and no doubt they will employ it wisely. Again I thank you; we appreciate this more than I can express. (Applause.)

"Now, Comrades, I desire to present to you one well known to all of you, — one of the old-timers and one of the great workers in all that is great and good in the Grand Army, in the Women's Relief Corps, and in the Home at Newton. She has labored for the comfort of the Grand Army of the Republic and their dependent ones, and I now present to you Lue Stuart Wadsworth, Past Department President of Massachusetts."

Lue Stuart Wadsworth: "Commander, National President and Comrades, a woman never likes to be told she is old, but I am glad of the compliment paid me when he said I was one of the pioneers. If forty-odd years working in the Department makes me a pioneer, I am certainly proud of that honor.

"I am also grateful to the Department President for placing me on this Committee of Greeting, for I am as happy as she is. We have no doubt but that the Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic are guarding their money, and if they don't need it today they will in years to come.

"Now, I want to take this opportunity to thank the Comrades of this Department for the loyal support they have given to the Gov. John A. Andrew Home in Newtonville. If you could come out and see what is going on there, you would realize something of the good we are trying to do. My oldest member is only ninety-seven, with all her faculties, and one of the brightest in the Home. The youngest is sixty-eight, and the next seventy. The others average eighty-five years of age. There is a couple that have been married fifty-four years, both being eighty-six years of age; and I can truthfully say that if there were no Gov. John A. Andrews Home, he would be in the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea, and his wife elsewhere.

"So we are comforting the comrades of the past, and hope you will continue to be loyal to us, and say the cheering word, so we can go along from year to year as long as there is a veteran's widow needs our care, or an elderly Comrade whom we can care for."

Commander: "I wish to present Mrs. Buchan, chairman of Soldiers' Home Aid."

Mrs. Carrie Buchan: "It is indeed a very great pleasure to me to have the honor of being selected as one of the committee to bring greetings with our National President and our Department President to you this morning.

"As chairman of Soldiers' Home Aid in the Department of Massachusetts it has been my privilege this year, and for several years previously, to meet with my committee at the Soldiers' Home once a month and help to cheer the Boys over there, and bring to them all the happiness we possibly could."

Commander: "I now present Mrs. Annie Poole Atwood, National Senior Aid."

Annie Poole Atwood: "Commander-in-Chief, and Comrades, I was delighted this morning when our Department President told me I was to come with this delegation. I was here some time ago and looked into your faces, and of course I can see there are not so many living now, but you all look as smiling and happy as ever; and today as I scan your faces I try to imagine how you looked sixty-six years ago when you started forth with firm step toward the

South and brought back to us that beautiful flag without a stain upon it. And I imagine that while at war it was not all sadness that came into your life, but some glad things as well.

"I have been told that you did a lot of foraging while in the service. Now, you know that wasn't a nice thing to do — at all, and I wonder if your conscience bothered you any?"

"Well, now that you have got along to the sunset of life I am going to tell you a little story:—

I read of a "Pat" so financially flat
That he had neither money nor meat,
And when hungry and thin 'twas whispered by Sin
That he ought to steal something to eat;

So he went to the sty of a Widow near by,
And he gazed on its tenant — poor soul!
"Hurroo, now!" said he, "What a trate that would be,"
And the pig of the Widow he stole.

He rejoiced in the feast, then went to a priest;
For in spite of his greed and his art
There was something within as sharp as a pin, —
'Twas Conscience was pricking his heart.

So he said with a tear, "Will your Riverince hear
What I have in sorrow to say?"
And a story he told, — the tale did unfold
Of the pig he had taken away.

Yes, in sorrow he cried, and the Father replied,
"Only think how you'll tremble with fear
When the great Judge you'll meet at His judgment seat,
And the Widow you plundered you hear!"

"Will the Widdy be there?" said Pat with a stare,
"An' the Pig? — 'pon my sowle's that thrue?"
"They'll surely be there" did the Father declare,
"And Patrick, what then will you do?"

Then answered Pat, — "When you're telling me that
May your blessings be awfully big;
But on Settlement Day to the Widdy I'll say —
'Mrs. Flanagan, TAKE your old pig!'"

(Laughter and applause.)

Commander Monk: "Ladies of the Women's Relief Corps, our first and best love, we thank you for your visit. Not bound altogether by ties of blood but by your devotion and loyalty, and your love of country, you have performed your duty in your organization by giving comfort and support to the Grand Army of the Republic for many years.

"We thank you many times for all you have done and for what you are going to do, and we know that you have not lost any of your vigor or any of your desire to be of service to the Grand Army, although your organization has been in existence for many years. I am glad you have visited us here today, and we hope that in the future any encampment of these allied bodies will continue to send delegations one to the other." (Applause as the delegation is escorted from the hall, succeeded by a Committee of Greetings from the Daughters of Veterans.)

Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee: "Commander, I have the pleasure

of presenting to you Nina A. Littlefield, Past National President of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and one of our best friends."

Commander: "Who should be more welcome to an Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic than the Daughters themselves, and we welcome you." (Miss McCoy, Mrs. Phinney and Miss Clara Hoover are similarly introduced and welcomed.) (At this juncture William S. Youngman, Esq., Treasurer of the Commonwealth, is announced, and by vote of the Encampment is invited to the platform.)

Commander: "Comrades we are honored by having with us today the State Treasurer of Massachusetts, Hon. William S. Youngman, and as he has another engagement the visiting delegation will pardon us if we ask Mr. Youngman to address the Encampment now."

Hon. William S. Youngman: "Mr. Chairman and Ladies, I am William S. Youngman of old D. Dudley Camp 89, Sons of Veterans. Also State treasurer of Massachusetts and one of the only two Sons of Veterans who are holding state offices at the present time.

"It is a great pleasure to come here, and I want to tell you how much honored I feel to come in with an escort behind these ladies headed by Miss Littlefield and a Grand Army escort besides.

"I am going to say only a word to you, for this is the day that the Governor and Council meet and it is a very strenuous day for me. I am also a delegate from the Sons of Veterans, as may be seen by my badge; but I must do my duty at the State House and get back there. At the same time, as an elected officer of this great commonwealth, I feel I would be recreant to my duty when you men are in convention assembled if I did not pay my respects. I love to call you 'Boys,' because when I was a kid you were singing that song about 'Bully Old Boys'; and my first recollection is when my father took me as a very small boy to a Grand Army Encampment on the field of Gettysburg, and the Grand Army Boys tossed me in a blanket, and they tossed me high.

"Certainly you have been doing splendid work ever since, and it makes the Sons of Union Veterans feel very proud that you have taken formal action and placed upon our shoulders the mantle of patriotic devotion which you have worn for so many years. We shall try to live up to your splendid traditions, and we hope that you will go forward feeling and knowing that we never will intentionally do anything to bring discredit to your organization — or on our descent from you." (Applause.)

Commander: "Miss Littlefield, Past National President, Daughters of Union Veterans, will now address you."

Nina A. Littlefield: "Comrades of the Grand Army, for a daughter of a Union soldier, your Encampment is like a benediction to two days' work. We feel that it is the greatest inspiration for a daughter to look into the faces of the fathers.

"I have just come from the convention of the Daughters, and as chairman of this committee it gives me pleasure to turn over to your Commander this check, in order to show that the Daughters of Veterans want to do everything they can for the Grand Army; you can always depend on them, — they are going to stand by you as long as there is a Grand Army man alive; and they are going to stand in your places when you are gone. Believe that, — the Sons and Daughters are going to stand together, in appreciation of what you have done for us.

"Our order is growing every day. This morning we voted to go into larger quarters, for we have outgrown our quarters that we have occupied for years. We are going to grow so large that we shall have every daughter in our order before we give up.

"Now accept the blessing of your daughters — you Comrades have been blessing us for years — so now take the blessing of your daughters, and as I hand this check to your Commander let me say — God bless the Grand Army of the Republic!" (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Comrades, here we have \$300 more. If I had realized it was coming in in such volume I would have provided myself with a bond.

"We surely thank the Daughters for this material contribution to our welfare, and assure them that it did not need this for them to know that our hearts are in sympathy with them. We appreciate the work they are doing, and the citizenship they typify in their work.

"You may now have the pleasure of listening to Miss McCoy, National President of the Daughters."

Miss Agnes McCoy: "Commander and Comrades of this Encampment, I come to you today as the representative of our national organization. I bring to you as that representative the heartiest wishes of nearly 40,000 Daughters. But in spite of that fact, when I am here in Massachusetts I cannot forget that I am a Massachusetts daughter of a veteran. (Applause.)

"And so I bring to you our greetings as a Massachusetts member, and as I sat there and looked over these faces I saw on the side two members from my own Somerville Post — and I extend to those two members also my personal greetings. So I feel that I have come to you as a national officer, a Past Department and a Past Tent officer.

"In your Encampment yesterday you rendered to our organization the greatest act of confidence and trust that could be given to any organization. You cannot know how deeply we appreciate that act; and the only action our convention could take in recognition of that was by a rising vote of thanks. It has been said that the duties of Memorial Day are to devolve upon your Sons and Daughters, but we most sincerely hope that that will not come for many, many years. We want you all with us just as long as possible, but when the final call does come you will know that the Daughters of Veterans will ever keep as sacred as you have the trust you placed in us; and upon Memorial Day, as reverently as possible, we will go on from year to year and carry out the work you have entrusted to us. Comrades, we thank you.

"We have looked to you all these years for inspiration, and when the time does come we shall remember the trust placed in us by you. I am delighted to see so many today. I was told I would see a smaller Encampment, and I think it is splendid there are so many here today. I wish you God's greatest blessings, and that you all will remain with us just as long as you possibly can." (Applause.)

Commander: "I now introduce to you the efficient clerk at Department Headquarters, for I want you to know this lady who is now performing that work."

Mrs. Helen A. Phinney: "Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief and Comrades, I am going to be a dutiful Daughter and make my remarks brief, for I know that you are due in a very short time at Ford Hall for the banquet.

"I am proud to be standing here again, as I did a year ago as Department President of the Daughters of Veterans when bringing you the greetings of that department. Last August our then Department Commander Brown appointed me to serve as Headquarters Clerk for the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic. I have had many nice things come to me during my life, but I never had anything that made me prouder than to serve the comrades of my father at the Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic in Massachusetts.

"I have tried during the past months to serve you as faithfully as I knew how, and as I said before — it has been a pleasure. And I promise you, Commander Monk, that I will do my best to serve you faithfully during the coming year.

"I want to say that at our memorial service we placed a loving tribute to the memory of Past Commander Brown, for our hearts were saddened by his going because he was a very dear Comrade. And I am sure that today, though he is not with us, we all remember with respect the Comrade that we miss." (Applause.)

Miss Clara F. Hoover, Past National President: "Mr. Commander and Comrades of the Grand Army, it is a wonderful privilege to come all the way from the Prairie State, Illinois, and be permitted to enter your convention and speak to you this morning.

"I have spoken many times to my own Comrades in Illinois but this is the first time in all the years I have worked with the Grand Army that I have attended the Encampment of another Department. But the Daughters in Illinois are very much like yours in Massachusetts; we have worked with the Grand Army Boys all these years. When that question was first brought to the attention of our fathers the bond between the two organizations was more personal, but as time has passed that bond has grown richer as we recognize in you Comrades the highest type of citizenship — steady-going, conscientious, self-sacrificing for the public welfare, so that you are indeed an example for generations yet to come.

"We need this in the rush and hurry of daily life, — this contact to keep us balanced so that we can bend our energies to the solution of the problems of today. We appreciate what you have done; we love you personally and collectively, and I think you will find the Daughters all over the United States feel just the same way about you. Comrades, I thank you for listening to me for just these few minutes."

Mrs. Mildred Putnam, Patriotic Instructor: "Comrades, it is indeed a great pleasure for me to come here today with the greetings committee of the Massachusetts Department Daughters of Union Veterans. I am not going to take up a lot of time, for I know you are hungry for that banquet; but I was glad to come, and as the Senior Vice-Commander-elect is a member of my own Post 10 of Worcester the Daughters wished me to present these few flowers to him to show our love for him. I wish for him and for you, Commander, a very successful and happy year." (Presents flowers to Comrade Foster.)

Senior Vice-Commander Foster: "This is entirely a surprise to me, and one that I appreciate very much indeed; it gets near to my heart because it comes from the old home place. I thank you."

Commander: "Daughters of Union Veterans, we thank you very much for this visit to the Encampment today. Who should be nearer to us than our sons and daughters and the ties of blood and the ties of patriotism which bind us together we know are wholly appreciated by you, and they surely are by us.

"You will excuse the few words I address to you. We appreciate your work and ask your cooperation with us and all the organizations in further promulgating and promoting the principles and things for which we have borne the brunt of the battle for so many years." (The same Committee escorts the ladies out and the Commander requests Mrs. Phinney that she remain to be formally installed to her office.)

Commander: "I think, Comrades, that that completes the reception of delegations, and I do not think of any other business to come before this Encampment unless some Comrade has something he desires to introduce."

Past Department Commander Comey: "I have a message from the Sons of Veterans, that they are very much pleased with our action, and have requested your Committee to bring to this Encampment their hearty thanks to you — and their appreciation of the action taken this morning."

Commander: "You hear the message coming from the Sons of Veterans. We receive it and take due notice of the same. Now, is there any other business to come before this Department at this time? If there is no further business, with the exception of the installation of the incoming officers, I will invite the Commander-in-Chief who is present, to perform the ceremony of installation with the assistance of his staff and of whomever he may see fit to appoint. The newly-elected officers were duly installed. There being no further business, the Encampment adjourned." (After adjournment, the Comrades fell into line, and behind the music of fifes, march to Kingsley Hall for the banquet.)

UNOFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

At Kingsley Hall, as has been the custom for a period of years, the tables were set for the annual banquet, and at the head tables the notables were seated. Occupying the central position Commander-elect Monk had on his right, Frank A. Walsh of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Rev. Robert Hill, Chaplain-in-Chief of Albany, N. Y.; George Morton, Assistant Adjutant-General, Department of Wisconsin; Dr. E. W. Homans, Commander-in-Chief, Sons of Union Veterans; and Mr. Johnson representing Mayor Nichols of Boston. On his left Captain J. D. Willson of the United States Navy; Brigadier-General Malvern H. Barnum, U. S. Army; Walter R. Tarbett, Department Commander, United Spanish War Veterans; Henry V. O'Day, Adjutant State Department and representing Veterans of Foreign Wars, William McGinnis, Commander of the American Legion, and Captain Charles A. Malley, Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company.

Commander Monk: "Comrades will give their attention to the Rev. Robert Hill, Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army."

Chaplain Hill: "Our heavenly Father, we bow our heads before Thee in acknowledgment of the multitude of blessings Thou hast conferred upon us in the past; and now that we are here in social service we ask that Thy blessings may continue to abide, and that we may be strengthened for all such service as may lie within our opportunities and our power."

"We thank Thee that Thou hast blessed our country, and we pray with all our hearts that Thy blessing will be continued to be poured out upon our land, and that we may be guided into the ideals which have thus far helped us along the road."

"We ask it in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen." (The dinner was then served, and at its close the following was the procedure.)

Commander Monk: "Now Comrades, if you will give your attention we will proceed. I want to thank you for the orderly manner in which the Department Encampment has been conducted, and the soldierly way the Comrades marched here to take their places at this banquet; I have never seen it exceeded."

"I am not going to take your time as we have distinguished speakers present to whom you will wish to listen more than to me. I have just one request, namely, that you will secure the position where you desire to sit and then do not move your chairs if you can help it; a little noise may be magnified to disturb our guests in their speaking."

"We expect the Governor here to address you later on, but we now have the representative of Mayor Nichols of Boston, Mr. Johnson, and we shall be glad to hear a few words from him."

Mr. George H. Johnson: "Commander-in-Chief, Brother Walsh, Brother Chaplain Hill, Assistant Adjutant-General Brother Morton, General Barnum of the Army, Commander Malley of the 'Ancients' and my dear friend McGinnis, Captain Willson, and all the other distinguished officials attending this sixty-first reunion of the Massachusetts Department of the Grand Army of the Republic."

"I keenly feel the position I am in when bringing the regrets of his Honor the Mayor. He has held off until the last minute but finds that conference in his office prevents him from coming here this afternoon. So he asked me to be a sort of "pinch-hitter" and to bring to you his sincere greetings and best wishes, with the offer that the equipment at his command is extended to you collectively or individually — anything you may ask for. He is willing to serve you, and though absent in person is with you in spirit wishing you Godspeed. I thank you very much." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "We also have with us today Captain Willson of the U. S. Navy. We heard from the Navy in 1861-65 and would like to hear from them again today." (Applause.)

Captain J. D. Willson: "Commander, distinguished guests and members of

the Grand Army of the Republic, it is as I told your Commander a few moments ago, a long time since I have attended a Grand Army reunion.

"My grandfather was a Grand Army man, and one of the greatest things in his life was that membership; and I can place my last reunion fairly close on account of the fact that I went to my grandfather's funeral the 29th of June, 1892. It was a great thing at that time; it has become a greater thing since; it is greater every year to anyone who sees one of these reunions.

"I never missed anything I could possibly go to with Grand-dad when I was a youngster. At that time I have very vivid recollections of the fact — you probably all remember it yourselves — at that same age you wondered and feared there never would be another war that you could get to. I did. It seemed to me the greatest honor in the world would have been to have a real war, — to go to and talk about after it was over.

"That was the way it seemed to me; I wanted to do as Grand-dad did, but it seemed to me absolutely out of the bounds of reason that after as fierce a war — after as hard a struggle as we had had in 1861-65 that anyone should ever think of going to war; that things must be settled in some other way.

"I wasn't quite old enough to go in '98 but I was old enough in 1917, and things have turned out since then just as they did after the big war in which you took part. Everybody says there will not be another war; everybody objects to war, but at the same time it is necessary, and it is necessary that we be prepared in case there is another war, — some of us feel almost justified in saying it is necessary that we be prepared for the next war. (Applause.)

"I almost forgot what I came for. I want to state that Admiral Andrews, whom I am representing, is more than sorry that he is unable to come here today; but I am sure if he should see the sight I am looking upon now, and saw these tables before the attack that has been made, he would be exceedingly sorry. However, I desire to convey to you his greetings and his sincere regrets that he is unable to come. I am sure you have missed a great deal in not having him here.

"We have some relics over on the other side of the river that I feel sure some of you would be interested in seeing. Old Ironsides over there is older than any of you, and it is something we are trying to keep in some sort of shape in order that it may be a reminder of the early days of this country, and a reminder of the grandeur brought to this war which you have kept up. And we hope, if any of you would like to come over there at any time, you will not hesitate to do so.

"I thank you for this opportunity to speak here just a minute. I belonged to a club some time ago whose motto was, 'If you don't know what to talk about, talk about a minute'; and as my minute is up I think I will stop." (Laughter and applause.)

Commander Monk: "Having heard from the Navy we ought now to hear from the Army, and I have the pleasure of presenting to you Brigadier-General Malvern H. Barnum of the 1st Corps Area."

Brigadier-General Barnum: "Commander-in-Chief Walsh, Mr. Department Commander, distinguished guests and members of the Grand Army, I always feel very much at home in a gathering of Grand Army men for the reason that I was brought up in the atmosphere of the Grand Army of the Republic. My father, General Henry A. Barnum of New York, was at one time Commander of the New York Department and always a most active and enthusiastic Grand Army man up to the time of his death. I have been with him many times when he was organizing parades in New York City, and seen the Grand Army of the Republic when the ranks were full, — seen thousands of you men pass by, and take hours going by and those of you here today are keeping up the traditions of that great army as it existed when I first became acquainted with it.

"And my interest never flags. During the last four summers I have been at Camp Devens, and as commanding officer I have gone with delegations of

Grand Army men to nearby towns to take part in small celebrations at the different cemeteries and decorating the graves, and I have felt proud of that opportunity to be associated with the veterans of '61-'65, — proud that I had the opportunity to carry on in a small way the work which my father had done so much the more vigorously and strenuously than I could have done it.

"I am sure as you look about this country, as we all see it today, you must one and all be deeply impressed by the great service the Grand Army rendered this country. We shudder to think what would have been the outcome had our country been divided and there had been a separate North and South. We only know this, that there could not have been inaugurated the prosperity or the balance that our united country enjoys today, and you settled that one problem once and for all; in our country it will never again be an issue.

"It has been my pleasure, as it was my father's wish, to serve in the Army. Having been named from the Battle of Malvern Hill my father was anxious to have me take a military career, and pursuant to that thought prevailed on President Garfield to give me an assignment to West Point. I went there in 1882 and graduated in 1886, and have been following the flag ever since. (Applause.)

"When I graduated at West Point, General Sherman made the address to our class. At that time '86 was one of the few years in the last half a century when there wasn't a war somewhere in the world; and General Sherman, a great statesman as well as soldier, said, 'Do not think because you are going out in a time of profound peace that you can afford to let yourself rust out; that there never will be a call to serve the colors again. I promise you that your generation will see its war.' How true his words were, you know.

"It was my opportunity to go through the Spanish-American War; not a great one, but it nevertheless opened the eyes of our own people and the eyes of the world as to what a country and power the United States was. And I also had an opportunity to serve during this last war.

"I fear I shall not live to see the next one, because the years have passed rapidly — so rapidly that in accordance with our law I must retire the coming fall. But it has been a great privilege, the opportunity to serve our country, and though I shall join the ranks of the retiring with you I shall always consider it highly to have paraded with you, and to associate with you in whatever the work may be." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Now I want to present to you our own Grand Army Commander-in-Chief, one who has received the highest honor as a position eminent in the gift of the Grand Army of the Republic, and permit me to say that he has honored us by accepting that position. He has come a long distance to our Encampment, but is here now to say a few words to you. I have the pleasure of presenting Frank A. Walsh, of Milwaukee, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic." (All rise and give three cheers.)

Commander-in-Chief Walsh: "Commander and distinguished guests: It gives me a very great satisfaction indeed to be here today — to witness the sights I have been permitted to — and to hear from our Comrades words of encouragement and wisdom.

"We of the Grand Army have good reason to be proud of our record made during the '60's and the work that you boys did in all the engagements and campaigns which were participated in by you as Union soldiers battling for the integrity of a country.

"And we prize the associations of youth; mutual privations necessarily create friendships, especially the sufferings of war. The rattle of musketry in battle, the fatiguing marches, the dreary camps — everything in those days led to a comradeship never to be forgotten. Early in life friendships are made; later one makes acquaintances; and friendship is greater than love, for love expects a return, while true friendship asks none.

"It gives me great pleasure to be here today as your Commander-in-Chief; it is an honor I appreciate to the bottom of my heart. And I hope the Grand

Army will continue to march on to the end, and though its ranks may be thinning it will keep its courage and maintain the steadfast aim that you Boys still show.

"At your Encampment I greeted you in the name of the Grand Army as a whole, and extended congratulations and fraternal wishes upon your appearance and for the success of your convention. Now, at the tables here I see you are just as active and efficient, and the picture before me is gratifying in the extreme.

"I want to thank you very cordially for the honor you have conferred upon me, and to assure you that it will be my constant aim and effort to serve the Grand Army of the Republic to the best of my ability. Again I thank you." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "We all thank our Commander-in-Chief for gracing our Department Encampment with his presence, and also for coming here this afternoon; and we hope that he may make it convenient to call upon us when not visiting officially, and whenever he appears he may be sure of a soldier's welcome.

"I will now introduce to you Commander McGinnis of the American Legion."

William McGinnis: "Commander, guests, and survivors of the Civil War: I came here this afternoon with one express purpose in mind. First, let me thank you in behalf of the organization I represent for the privilege of being here.

"My message is this, gentlemen: As General Barnum has said, the issue is settled for all time in this country about any division between the people of the North and South; we have a united country now, and any reverence that we have for the patriotic traditions and institutions of this country come to us from you.

"With that thought in mind, and appreciating that you are going to be busy this afternoon, with others to be heard from, in behalf of the 35,000 men in this state whom I represent this afternoon, I want to ask a privilege of you — which is this: That before the time gets too late — because time is no respecter of age or persons — if there is an organization of your sons and grandsons waiting to carry-on and into posterity, or as long as our organization lasts, the traditions you have kept alive; if there is anything at all you want us to do in the way of looking after your records, flags, or anything of that kind, — just ask us and we will do the rest." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "We also have with us, as you know, the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Comrade Robert Hill of Albany, New York. We would like to hear from Comrade Hill."

Rev. Robert Hill: "It is inspiring to stand upon my feet and look at so many of my comrades at once, realizing that in spite of the years which have passed so rapidly there is still strength and power in the members of the Grand Army of the Republic. (Applause.)

"I look at your faces and note the marked intelligence that is there, and I appreciate the acts which you have undertaken and carried on so successfully, and which have enabled us to meet with you today, — adding honor to the great honor which was ours in the days of '61-'65 when we saved the Union and its institutions.

"We have heard General Barnum, and as he spoke, my thoughts went back to the Capitol of the State of New York where we have pictures in the Post room of the Post to which I belong. There is in the exhibit a picture of General Barnum, and as I listened to the voice of the son, who has been in military service until almost the retiring day, I thought that General Barnum, who was the pride of New York, was and is ably represented by the son to whom he committed his name and fame. (Applause.)

"I have been emotionally stirred every day since I have been here in Boston, — at the various meetings and assemblies to which I have gone there was something said, something done, that caused my heart to swell and my feelings

almost to prompt the tears to flow from my eyes. I listened this morning to Comrade Hosley when he told a story of prisoners at Andersonville, and I recalled at once, as he spoke, the cemetery of the dead, who had been placed in that cemetery, and that the recognition of the graves of all that could be recognized was due to the work of a member of my own regiment, Clarence Atwater, who was given the task of writing in the record the number and location of the graves — which were to be filed in the Confederate records. But he made a duplicate which he kept hidden, and that duplicate was taken to Washington and shown to Clara Barton, — shown to the President of the United States, resulting in Clara Barton's visit, and resulting in his mission with Atwater to see that every grave that could be identified should have a marker.

"Well, I also think of other prisoners in other places, and of the many who lie today in Southern fields. I remember on a certain occasion as I was walking through the streets of Philadelphia at very nearly the close of the War, that I was going to what was called the Cooper Union, — a 'free port,' to use the words of my sailor friends here, for the Boys in Blue passing through there, where they could call and have a table ready with something to eat. They could even find lodgings there; but I was going in during a brief period between trains from Washington, waiting over at Philadelphia. And as I walked down the street I heard voices singing, and I looked behind and there was a group of young people, young men and women, and they were coming along singing. And as they sang the tears sprang to my eyes, for it was the first time I ever heard the song; and coming as it did — in the way it did — I could not help my throat swelling and the tears rushing to my eyes. For the song carried the words, 'In the prison cell I sit, thinking, Mother dear, of you, of the bright and happy homes so far away.' As I say, the tears filled my eyes in spite of all I could do, although I tried to cheer my comrades; and 'Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys are Marching' came the song, and 'Cheer up Comrades' were words of the refrain.

"And, oh, how I did swell with emotion; for I had just come from Libby Prison and was on my way home to greet a dear old mother and father and brothers and sisters there who had not heard from me for a long time. Do you wonder that when Comrade Hosley spoke this morning that I could do anything less than feel the same emotion swelling again?

"How many of you have had similar experiences; doubtless many of you have! And so as I look at you, and these memories come flooding from the past seeking expression, I am glad to know that God has given to us the blessing of long life in which to make use of the experiences of the past for the benefit of the world.

"We are teaching the world a lesson. This host which has dwindled from three millions to a little over ninety thousand, — this great host that represented the power of the North, the real power of the country too, because all became combined later in one nation, — this great host made possible the safety of our country and its ideals.

"May the Lord continue to give us power, and if He gives us days let us use them as our fathers and comrades have done, and establish in this land liberty, strength, and the power which shall go through like a stream of power to other nations so that humanity shall be ever more blessed." (Great applause.)

Commander Monk: "Comrades, you have heard from military organizations and from some of the semi-military organizations. I wish now to introduce to you Captain Malley, Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company, one of our oldest institutions."

Captain Charles A. Malley: "Commander Monk, distinguished guests and members of the Grand Army of the Republic: and I want to thank you for the privilege of bringing today the greetings of the Ancient & Honorable Artillery Company of Massachusetts, which I represent.

"This organization is the oldest chartered military institution in America,

and by many is looked upon as the grandest of all that we have; so it seems fitting that our grand old organization and yours should coordinate and go hand in hand as long as time will permit, for during the past fifty years we have numbered many members of the Grand Army as our commanders and commissioned officers in our corps.

"It is such organization as yours, and such deeds as you performed in preserving our country, that gives the Ancients the opportunity it heartily welcomes to perpetuate the traditions and those things which have contributed to the preservation of our beloved country as it is today.

"Our own traditions carry us back to 1638, through the Indian Wars, the Revolutionary War, 1776, The War of 1812, the Civil War, 1861-65, the Spanish-American and the late World War; and our organization back through the years has had members drawn from the ranks of all these different wars. And so as the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company carries on it will perpetuate your traditions after you and I have departed from the stage.

"And as I have already said, we always welcome the opportunity to do honor to the Grand Army of the Republic, and, Mr. Commander, I want to thank you especially for the privilege of being here with you, and to listen to these speeches today." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Comrades, there is one society which to my mind is nearly as dear as the Grand Army of the Republic, and I think I express the feelings of a majority of you. I have reserved hearing from that organization until now, and present to you Commander-in-Chief Homans of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War." (Applause.)

Dr. Ernest W. Homans: "Department Commander, Commander-in-Chief, and distinguished guests and comrades of my father:

"Once more I come before you to bring a message from our organization. Yesterday afternoon in Faneuil Hall I had the pleasure of speaking to you, and there felt at liberty to talk more at length. This afternoon I am limited in time; you are tired, I am sure, and so I am not going to speak at any great length.

"But I want to tell you that my organization, and I personally, appreciate very, very much the action that your Encampment took yesterday afternoon in making your sons and daughters legal heirs and successors to carry on the work you have performed so many years — of teaching patriotism in the schools, and of decorating the graves of your departed comrades on Memorial Day. I want to tell you that from the bottom of our hearts we appreciate this mark of loyalty and love to your sons and daughters that you have bestowed upon us. That we will be worthy of that trust you have known for many, many years, because without that mark of recognition we have been carrying on for many, many years. You have always known that you only had to express a wish and it would be gratified if within the power of your sons or your daughters to do it.

"I just want to call to mind an incident that happened in the Bellevue Hotel this morning. There was a little lad sitting in a chair there who was about 12 years old, and as my Division Commander and the Commander-in-Chief were passing through the lobby this little fellow arose to his feet, snapped to attention and gave the salute. I happened to be walking with Assistant Adjutant-General Morton and went back to speak to the lad, and he was introduced to the Commander-in-Chief and other distinguished members of the party.

"Now, I tell you I really got back a little confidence in the youth of today when I saw that boy salute the Grand Army; for I have sometimes felt that the boys and girls of today were forgetting that respect they owe to the Grand Army of the Republic.

"Not very long ago a representative of the Grand Army asked a girl in a high school what the button was on his coat, and she could not tell him it was the bronze button of the Grand Army. You men have been teaching patriotism

in the public schools, but there is still need of it, and I fear there will always be the need to teach patriotism in this land.

"Only a few weeks ago I read a clipping that a professor in Columbia University speaking to a group of modernists or radicals, or whatever you want to call them, referring to the Flag, said, — 'oh, yes, that is the flag. Peculiar customs have been built up around that flag, such as uncovering your head as it goes by. And another custom, that it must never be left at peak when the sun goes down.' And the crowd applauded, and the man went on to say, speaking of some other things sacred to every American, — 'There is the old Liberty Bell down in Philadelphia, and here a few years ago when they took that relic to exhibit at a fair all the old women came down to the railroad track and actually kissed that old bronze relic.' And then the crowd clapped and cheered again. There apparently was no one in the audience to rise and defend the flag and the old Liberty Bell both of which mean so much in the history of our country; but the newspaper said it would seem to be better to be the Liberty Bell with the crack in its side rather than to be the college professor with a crack in his head. (Applause.)

"We have heard from the representative of the Navy and the Army and from the representative of the Ancients organization, and from the American Legion, and I tell you, Comrades of the Grand Army, there is need for every one of these organizations, and all the allied patriotic orders connected with you. You heard from their representatives today and yesterday, and you know that all the loyal women connected with your organization are going to carry on, and that my organization in conjunction with them will always keep alive the memory of the Grand Army.

"Last week I was in Philadelphia, and there Camp 200 of Sons of Union Veterans, with a membership of 530 men, took over Post 2 hall, one of the finest halls in the United States and valued at \$50,000; and they are going to endow that hall with \$50,000 so that it may be perpetuated and taken care of. And this goes to prove, in connection with recent events, that your halls, pictures, relics and treasures, are forever and ever to be taken care of by our organizations because there is no end to it. I am the grandson of a veteran, and the succession will be — my father, myself, my son and his son, if he should have a son, — and the thing will go on and on, always telling the story of the Grand Army of the Republic, and perpetuating the deeds of the Boys in Blue.

"I tell you, Comrades, that my organization appreciates the confidence you have placed in us, and is ready to pledge loyalty to the trust you have committed to us." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "There is one other semi-military organization that we have not heard from yet, and we should be pleased to have a word from the Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars."

Henry V. O'Day (Adjutant, State Department): "Comrades and distinguished guests, I am sorry to correct your Commander. Commander Horne-man has been taken ill within the last few days with an attack of bronchitis and I am here as Adjutant to bring you the best wishes of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

"However, though it may be the Commander's loss it has been my great gain, and I assure you that this is one of the happiest moments of my life. I have always pictured you Comrades as old gentlemen, and did not until today realize I was making a serious mistake. You may be old by the record, but you are still young in spirit. It was not many years ago that I as a youngster stood on the curbstone and watched you march by. Little did it mean to me at that time, but within a few years, when I answered the country's call, I realized what service to one's country actually meant — I realized what you had gone through. I now know full well that your sacrifice was a big one; that your service has been the greatest ever offered in defence of a country's cause.

"You have carried on for sixty-odd years spreading the doctrine of patriot-

ism and Americanism, and the younger veterans today are attempting to carry on in your places, but I think we are making a serious mistake. We are spending our efforts on educating and Americanizing the foreigner that comes to our shores, which I think is a mistake, for what we really need to do is to Americanize and educate those Americans who preach themselves as 100 per cent. (Applause.) What is the condition in Massachusetts today? Two men have committed the dastardly crime of murder; they don't ask for clemency — no, they ask for acquittal. I don't think all this quarreling and all these appeals are coming from these two men, but coming from people who believe themselves educated. I think they are wrong, — these people of wealth; and if these 100 per cent Americans would only volunteer to do something worth while, this state and this country would be much the better. But while we have such a man for President as Calvin Coolidge, and such a Governor as Alvan Fuller perhaps we have no need to fear that justice will not be administered, and that we shall continue to give justice to everyone within the borders of this country. I think these great men will carry out the principles upon which this country was founded, and we need not fear because with the grace of God and such men as these we shall maintain one grand, united, free country." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "Comrades, we have one more visiting Comrade as an attache of the Commander-in-Chief's party. I trust he will pardon me for neglecting him so long. We will now hear a few words from the Assistant Adjutant-General of the Department of Wisconsin, Comrade George Morton."

George Morton: "Commander, Commander-in-Chief, Comrades and fellow-citizens: I feel at this moment very like the professor who spent his vacations on a farm. He said to his wife one day, 'It is near the closing of school and soon will be the time to go out to the farm again.' They had been in the habit of going to Farmer Jones' house, and he had made it very pleasant and agreeable for them. But his wife said, 'No, not without they make a change. Do you know, husband,' she says, 'they put the pigs in a pen right under the window, and the odor is very unpleasant if I remain in the house.' So the professor wrote to Farmer Jones and says, 'Dear Jones, we were coming out to spend our vacation with you as usual, but my wife says that you have the pigs housed close to her window, and that makes it very disagreeable for her.' Farmer Jones sat down immediately and wrote, 'I have not had a hog on the place since you left. Come on at once.' (Laughter.)

"Through the courtesy of our Commander-in-Chief I am returning home. I say 'home' because long before my discharge from the service, which I am sorry to say I did not complete — but I have an honorable discharge — at age 14, I walked from Newfields (N. H.) to Exeter to enlist. My weight was 101 pounds, and with a companion after 7:30 p.m., I walked six miles to Exeter, arriving there about 10 o'clock. We were both kids, and had made the trade together like this: I says, 'George, if they don't take me don't you go.' So I was to get the first chance and when we walked up to the recruiting officer's house he said to me — his name was — well, the recruiting place was in Exeter right by the station; the windows were out, and there lay perhaps a dozen men on the floor who had been enlisted, right on straw and covered over with blankets; and the recruiting officer had a candle lit and was endeavoring to read the names.

"So we went up to him, and I being the spokesman of the party says, 'We have come to enlist.' The officer looked me over and remarked, 'Why, you are pretty small.' I says, 'I guess I am big enough to go.' I thought I was just as big as anybody, but I wasn't. The result was like this: There were two brothers endeavoring to raise an emergency regiment in New Hampshire when General Lee was forcing his way to Washington and the call for volunteers was made. This officer says, 'But this one [referring to George] I can take.' But I replied, 'You cannot take him, because he won't go without I go. Isn't that so, George?' George allowed it was, for he was a good George. 'Well,' the

officer decided, 'I tell you what I will do, — I will give you a letter to my brother in Manchester'; for there were two brothers, as I said, one in Exeter and one in Manchester, trying to raise regiments. So he gave me the letter, and after lying down in the straw the first night we had to return home, it being Sunday, and George stayed with me. The next morning I said to Dad, 'I want the price to get to Manchester.' He shelled out and we went up there.

"So when we got to Manchester we inquired for Captain Pillsbury's office, and they said it was on Elm St. Then we walked into a store building which was all vacant and I presented myself — I had to go, you know. And I says to Captain Pillsbury (his brother had given me the letter to him) — well, he read the letter and looked at me, but shook his head. It was the same old story, — he couldn't take me but could take the 'other fellow.' But I says, 'You can't take him unless you take me.'

"He was anxious to fill his company, and finally he says, 'Young feller get onto that scale.' So I stepped upon the scale, and he measured me 4 ft. 10, at the same time looking at me and shaking his head.

"Now, here is something remarkable. I think I am smarter than anybody here. If anybody can beat this I will take my hat off to him; for I grew three inches in less than half a minute. Can anybody beat that? Well, I will show you how I grew: He had 4 ft. 10 in his mind, but he wrote down 5 ft. 1. Now, if that is not something wonderful, I would like to hear from you.

"We went along. I went to South Mountain, Antietam, and so on down through Virginia; I was always in the ranks. But that is the way I got into the army in '61.

"As Adjutant-General of the state of Wisconsin I would report that our Department has 1,222 members remaining from a maximum of about 30,000. We now have several delinquent Posts I was unable to include in my report, but which would make 46 in addition; so we have 1,268 members in our Department and perhaps a few others, four Posts being still delinquent. They write me various reasons, and Comrade Wetherbee will bear me out in that statement: he receives such letters, and perhaps his advice to you, and also from the Adjutant-General is worth your consideration. They write me this: 'I am feeble,' 'We have no meetings.' 'There are only six or seven of us, and we feel like quitting.'

"To all these letters — I have several, and Comrade Wetherbee gets the same — I answer in this way: 'Above all things this ship named *Grand Army of the Republic* we have been sailing on for the past 61 years, and I say — don't show the white feather now, but let's stand and support the *Grand Army of the Republic* until the last man counts.' I thank you, Comrades." (Applause.)

Commander Monk: "We did expect the presence of the Governor this afternoon at 3 o'clock, but he has not arrived and evidently something has occurred to call him in another direction. We also expected to have Comrade Flynn of State Aid and Pensions in Massachusetts. Therefore, under the circumstances as they have shaped themselves, this practically completes the list of speakers for this afternoon.

"I want to say just a word to you Comrades. This has been a wonderful experience for me. Having been forced by the exigencies of the situation to preside over an Encampment for which I was not at all prepared, I want to say that you Comrades have nobly sustained me, and to my notion it has been one of the pleasantest Encampments we have had for a long time.

"I am glad to see so many Comrades present at this banquet. I want to thank you for your orderly appearance and conduct here. It has been quiet so that all the speakers could be heard by the Comrades in the rear of the room. Now I would request that the Comrades all rise and sing one verse of 'America'." This was followed by one verse of the favorite *Grand Army* song, "We Old Boys," after which the 61st Department of Massachusetts *Grand Army of the Republic* passed into history.

GENERAL ORDERS

HEADQUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
 BOSTON, April 14, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 1. }

I. Having been elected Commander of the Department of Massachusetts Grand Army of the Republic, I hereby assume command.

II. The following officers were elected:

Department Commander—WILLIAM F. BROWN, Post 163, Framingham.
Senior Vice-Commander—HENRY A. MONK, Post 87, South Braintree.
Junior Vice-Commander—EDWIN J. FOSTER, Post 10, Worcester.
Medical Director—SAMUEL J. WADE, Post 13, Brockton.
Chaplain—REV. GEO. W. NEAD, Post 169, Norwood.

Council of Administration.

ALBERT J. FITZMEYER, Post 15, Boston.
 JAMES H. WEBB, Post 88, Quincy.
 WILLIAM B. WEBBER, Post 143, Brookline.
 J. W. POLAND, Post 12, Wakefield.
 GEORGE W. COREY, Post 168, Southbridge.

III. Appointed Officers:

Assistant Adjutant-General, WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Post 62, Newton.
Assistant Quartermaster-General, EUGENE D. SANBORN, Post 15, Boston.
Judge Advocate, HERBERT F. JOYNER, Post 196, Great Barrington.
Inspector, WILLIAM R. REED, Post 163, Framingham.
Chief Mustering Officer, E. H. LINCOLN, Post 125, Pittsfield.
Patriotic Instructor, JOSHUA L. GRAY, Post 74, Rockland.
Chief of Staff, WILLIAM H. MORGAN, Post 89, Beverly.

IV. **Office Hours.** 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Saturdays, 9 to 12 A.M.

V. **Aide-de-Camps.** Post Commanders are requested to send AT ONCE to these headquarters names and addresses of Comrades to serve as Aides on staff of the Department Commander.

VI. **Requisitions.** All requisitions for supplies must be accompanied by check, money order or cash to pay for the same.

VII. All checks, money orders, etc., must be made payable to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant-General.

Quartermasters will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

VIII. The Department Commander will be at headquarters Wednesdays from 11 to 12 A.M.

IX. All official correspondence and invitations should be addressed to Wilfred A. Wetherbee, State House, Room 27, Boston.

X. At the Encampment held in Boston April 6 and 7, it was unanimously voted, that, "The PER CAPITA TAX from Posts to the Department WILL NOT BE REQUIRED IN THE FUTURE."

Commanders are requested to have this order read at Post meeting.

By command of

WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

XI. The following Representatives and Alternates for the next National Encampment were elected at the Department Encampment:

Delegate-at-Large

Orlando F. Hatch, Post 49.

Alternate-at-Large

Dudley Page, Post 42.

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

*Representatives**Alternates*

	<i>Post</i>		<i>Post</i>
DISTRICT No. 1			
John H. Lawrence . . .	1	Henry N. Hopkins . . .	3
Edward Hague . . .	46	George N. Alden . . .	190
DISTRICT No. 2			
Alvin C. Howes . . .	8	Samuel J. Wade . . .	13
John D. Thompson . . .	74	Bela Alden . . .	78
DISTRICT No. 3			
John E. Bronson . . .	144	David Dunbar . . .	58
William Formean . . .	169	Jámes McElroy . . .	72
DISTRICT No. 4			
David King . . .	15	Dennis Driscoll . . .	15
Martin Feeney . . .	15	John McDonough . . .	7
John McGrath . . .	77	James S. Mitchell . . .	121
James F. Flynn . . .	26	Albert A. Nickerson . . .	35
DISTRICT No. 5			
Alexander S. Wright . . .	5	Eugene M. Libby . . .	5
William E. Carlton . . .	49	Charles Smith . . .	49
George W. Towne . . .	39	John A. Brackett . . .	146
Charles A. Moore . . .	122	Charles Stone . . .	122
Thomas F. Whiting . . .	89	Daniel N. Steingardt . . .	5
DISTRICT No. 6			
Charles L. Robinson . . .	4	Nathan G. Lamson . . .	42
Henri Batchelder . . .	156	Chester S. Goodwin . . .	42
John F. Shea . . .	12	Asa Childs . . .	4
Orrin Stone . . .	40	Francis J. O'Reilly . . .	56
T. Crowley . . .	42	Joseph A. Wiggin . . .	4
DISTRICT No. 7			
Genery T. Darling . . .	10	L. E. Heath . . .	22
George W. Corey . . .	168	W. W. Tanner . . .	19
Albert A. Buxton . . .	19	E. H. Davenport . . .	173
George S. Whitney . . .	22	Roswell C. Powers . . .	116
DISTRICT No. 8			
W. H. Abbott . . .	71	E. B. Smith . . .	41
DISTRICT No. 9			
James R. Hamilton . . .	171	Charles H. Arnum . . .	79
John R. Sears . . .	174		

The following named were elected to the positions stated at the Annual Conventions of the several organizations:

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS.

Department President, Hattie A. Calahan, Corp 20, South Boston.

Department Secretary, Mary E. Elliot, 657 Washington St., Boston.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Department President, Rosana Baier, Everett.

Department Secretary, Marion Bradbury, Mattapan.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Department President, Kate E. Bray, Everett.

Department Secretary, Edith E. Bennett, Somerville.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR.

Division Commander, Charles H. E. Moran, Holyoke.

Division Secretary, William L. Anderson, Jamaica Plain.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS AUXILIARY.

Division President, Grace T. Howland, Rockland.

Division Secretary, Viola Brunett, Rockland.

ARMY NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Fannie T. Hazen, 61 Oxford St., Cambridge.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,

BOSTON, April 14, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 2. }

I. As Memorial Day (May 30), comes on Sunday this year, its observance will take place on Monday, May 31. Consecrated to the memory of our heroic dead, with it comes the duty of the living in keeping alive and fresh in the minds of the youth of our land the great sacrifices made by these noble dead in behalf of a free and united Republic.

No more fitting or appropriate service can be rendered by the patriotic and liberty-loving citizens of our land than to join with all veterans in perpetuating the memory of those who sleep in their "windowless palaces of rest." The Rules and Regulations of our noble order has set apart this day, the "Nations's Memorial Day," that we may show our appreciation and affection for those of our comrades who, on land and on sea, fought the good fight and who, through with their marches, have 'bivouacked on fame's eternal camping ground.' "

The simple but impressive service of strewing flowers and planting the flag of our country over the graves of our departed comrades serves as a lesson teaching the rising generation that he who gave his life in the defense of his country is worthy of all honor and thus his memory should be cherished. On Memorial Day, in which tender memories and patriotic purposes should fill every heart, everyone is enjoined to lay aside the duties of the day and join in this appropriate service in commemorating the deeds of valor and self-sacrifice of those whose voices are forever hushed but whose heroism will remain green in the hearts of those who enjoy the fragrant air of patriotism purchased by the trials, privations and suffering of those whose graves we decorate. Crown them with natures' sweetest flowers, and place above their graves the emblem of equal rights and national unity.

II. Memorial Day Parade. Many years ago the National Encampment designated the Sons of Veterans the official escort of the Grand Army of the Republic. Where a Camp of the Sons of Veterans exists it holds this position.

The following order relative to formation has been decided on by this Department:

Detail of Police
Military Escort (if any)
Band
Sons of Veterans
Grand Army of the Republic

United Spanish War Veterans
American Legion
Veterans of Foreign Wars
Local Organizations

We should use our best endeavors to have the American Legion and the Spanish War Veterans appear in all our Memorial Services.

III. The usual service of Memorial Sabbath should be held on Sunday, May 23. Comrades are urged to attend these services and to extend an invitation to our allied organizations and also to the United Spanish-War Veterans and the American Legion to accompany them.

IV. Posts should arrange for services in the schools at the last session before Memorial Day.

V. Post Commanders will see that Commander-in-Chief Logan's General Orders No. 11 and Lincoln's address at Gettysburg are made a part of Memorial Day exercises.

VI. Flags should be placed at half-mast on the morning of May 30 and so remain until 12 M., when they should be hoisted to the masthead.

VII. Post Chaplains must forward promptly to Chaplain Geo. W. Nead, Norwood, Mass., a full report of the exercises of Memorial Day in which their Posts take part.

By command of

WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, June 16, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 3. }

National Encampment. The Sixtieth National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held at Des Moines, Iowa, during the week of September 19 to 25.

The official Department Train will leave the South Station, Friday, September 17, at 6:15 P.M., Railroad Standard Time, going via the Boston & Albany, New York Central, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, and Rock Island lines, arriving in Des Moines, at 7:30 A.M. Sunday. Trains leave Worcester at 7:30 P.M., Springfield, 8:57 P.M., and Pittsfield at 10:45 P.M.

Tickets for the round trip, Boston to Des Moines and return, \$49.62, Worcester, \$48.02 and Springfield, \$46.08. Stop overs allowed en route.

Sleeping car. Lower berth \$13.88, upper, \$11.10.

Drawing Room, \$49.50. Early reservations of Berths should be made to W. A. Wetherbee, Room 27, State House.

For the return trip, parties will make their own arrangements.

Who may go. The official train will be for the accommodation of comrades of the Grand Army, its allied organizations, and their families.

Identification Certificates. Tickets cannot be purchased except on presentation of Identification certificate issued by the Railway Association and which can be obtained from the Assistant Adjutant-General, Room 27, State House, Boston.

Department Headquarters in Boston will be closed from September 17 to October 4.

Department Headquarters in Des Moines will be in Room 319, Hotel Fort, Des Moines.

There will be a meeting of the Aides present, in Headquarters, Monday, September 20, at 4 P.M.

Delegates. There will be a meeting of those entitled to seats in the National Encampment, in the Massachusetts Headquarters, Room 319, at 5 P.M., Monday, September 20.

Credentials will be distributed at this meeting. As important business will be transacted, every voting member is expected to be present.

Delegates who cannot attend the Encampment should notify the Assistant Adjutant-General at once, in order that the vacancies may be filled.

It is the wish of the Department Commander that comrades remove all decorations from their coats, during the parade, excepting the official G. A. R. badge. He asks the comrades to comply with this wish.

Post Commanders are requested to send the names and addresses of comrades who desire to serve on the Department Staff.

Commanders will see that their Adjutants and Quartermasters are informed of the following change in the rules adopted by the Department Encampment in April:

"Posts will not be required to pay any Per Capita Tax in the future."

Per order,

WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

INFORMATION WANTED.

The address of any one who has any knowledge of the whereabouts of any relatives of Bernard McKnight, Co. C., 3d Massachusetts Cavalry, and who died at Andersonville, — by Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant-General, G. A. R., Room 27, State House, Boston.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, Aug. 15, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4. }

The Annual Election of Post Officers and of Representatives and Alternates to the next Department Encampment, must be held at the first stated meeting in October.

The ratio of Representatives in the Encampment is as follows: one Representative and one Alternate for every twenty members in good standing Oct. 1, 1926, with one additional Representative and Alternate for the fraction of more than one-half that number; but every Post is entitled to at least one Representative and one Alternate.

As Post Commander and Senior and Junior Vice-Commander are by virtue of their office, members of the Encampment, they should NOT be elected as representatives.

Credential Blanks and Quartermaster's Bond are enclosed herein and the former should be filled out properly, INCLUDING THE NAMES of the LIVING PAST POST COMMANDERS and should be mailed IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ELECTION of officers to these Headquarters.

The OBITUARY and ANNUAL REPORT BLANKS will not be made out till December 31, as usual.

The Installations shall take place at the FIRST MEETING in NOVEMBER. Names of Installing Officers must be sent to these Headquarters on or before October 15th, in order that they may be given out in General Orders to be issued October 20th.

Department Aides. To the officers and members of every Post in the Department of Massachusetts: I urgently ask you not to forget the Sons and Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. When the last veteran of that war shall have answered the last "roll call," "Who will tell the story of the Boys

in Blue?" Who but their sons and daughters who have learned it from their fathers' and mothers' lips, and who are looking today for us to officially recognize them as our successors. They are ready and willing to take up the work of the promotion of American Patriotism when the Grand Army of the Republic can no longer carry it on. Give them every encouragement.

The following-named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander. They will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

POST		POST	
W. H. Abbot	71	Holyoke	James L. Ireland 56
George H. Allen	160	W. Brookfield	Rufus I. Jones 110
A. C. Ambler	63	Natick	Thomas Knowlton 163
George B. Barnett	120	Lowell	Cornelius J. Linnehan 5
R. F. Boynton	121	Hyde Park	Hiram W. Loring 135
Flavel W. Downs	40	Malden	J. E. May 169
Hiram S. Faunce	110	Randolph	L. C. Prouty 120
William Formean	169	Norwood	Farnum E. Swain 125
George A. Gay	195	E. Pepperell	John R. Sears 164
J. J. Gilman	30	Cambridge	Samuel O. Staples 163
George W. Green	200	Jamaica Pl'n	D. N. Steingardt 5
D. F. Hamilton	194	Greenfield	Joseph F. Stoddard 11
J. R. Hamilton	171	E. Northfield	John D. Williams 88
L. B. Hastings	123	Athol, Sta. A.	Charles S. Witter 35
W. C. M. Howe	194	Reading	Alvin A. Young 9
			Hudson

In response to a number of suggestions that have come to these Headquarters regarding the burial of Comrades,

The Department Commander will announce: "That, in the event of the death of a Comrade, and his family request the rendering of the Grand Army service at his funeral, if conditions exist whereby there are no Comrades able to perform the service, the officers of either of our allied orders may so act, until this order shall be revoked."

Per order,
WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, Oct. 20, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 5.

I. On recommendation of E. H. Lincoln, Chief Mustering Officer, the following-named comrades are hereby detailed to install officers of the Posts indicated.

William F. Brown, Department Commander, 31, 89, 139.	George W. Wilder, Past Department Commander, 163.
Henry A. Monk, Senior Vice-Commander, 72.	Horace Goodwin, Past Department Commander, 16.
Edwin J. Foster, Junior Vice-Commander, 10.	Edwin F. Morrill, Past Department Commander, 1, 40.
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, Assistant Adjutant-General, 7, 23, 39, 62, 63, 68, 81, 87, 92, 94, 102, 190, 200.	Henry Clark, Past Department Commander, 5, 15, 49, 156.
William H. Morgan, Chief of Staff, 2, 34, 45, 50, 106, 118.	George W. Pratt, Past Department Commander, 73.
George A. Hosley, Past Department Commander, 11.	Frank H. Bell, 26.
	E. G. Bly, 114.
	Benj. F. Brooks, 19.

W. E. Carlton, 122.
 James P. Clare, 138.
 Genery T. Darling, 70, 77.
 Albert Fitzmeyer, 191.
 George A. Gay, 195.
 Albert I. Gilman, 185.
 Charles V. Goddard, 17.
 L. B. Hastings, 140.
 L. H. Heath, 22, 130.
 Henry N. Hopkins, 3, 170.
 J. A. Horton, 174.

A. A. Nickerson, 30, 35.
 Charles H. Poole, 112.
 Roscoe C. Powers, 109.
 John Scates, 74.
 George W. States, 113, 169.
 W. R. Stocking, 209.
 Samuel J. Wade, 13, 52.
 Joseph A. Wiggin, 4.
 Henry Whittemore, 29.
 Leonard Thayer, 61.

II. Installation service shall be held at the first stated meeting in November or they may be held publicly at a special meeting held for that purpose, at which no part of the opening or closing service shall be used.

POST COMMANDERS SHOULD AT ONCE COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR INSTALLING OFFICER, giving time and place of meeting.

In the absence of the Mustering Officer, any National or Department Officer can act in any Post or the Senior Past Post Commander can act in his own Post. *Expenses of mustering officers must be paid by the Posts.*

With this order is transmitted a blank report of installing officer. Adjutants should have this report filled out and hand it to the installing officer.

The Annual Reports will not be due until December. Blanks for this report will be forwarded in due time.

Post Commanders must see that the Credential Report is forwarded to these Headquarters immediately.

SPECIAL NOTICE. Autos will be provided for the comrades who desire to take part in the Armistice Day Parade, in Boston, November 11.

Those desiring to attend MUST NOTIFY the Assistant Adjutant-General on or before November 1.

An invitation has been received for the comrades to visit the Navy Yard on the day designated as Naval Day. For particulars see the daily papers.

Per order,
 WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

Please read carefully and act accordingly.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
 GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
 BOSTON, November 25, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
 No. 6. }

I. In accordance with Rules and Regulations the Annual Reports on Forms A and B are due December 31.

Blanks for the same are herein enclosed and must be made out and forwarded to Department Headquarters immediately after the close of the last meeting in December. Post Commanders should see that this is done promptly.

No Per Capita Tax is called for. Adjutants must see that the number of comrades now in good standing is reported correctly. Small Posts of three members or less must make reports promptly and must elect one of their number to serve as Commander. All reports must be in the hands of the Assistant Adjutant not later than January 5th.

II. Obituary Blanks are also enclosed. These should be filled out, giving the name, rank, company and regiment of all comrades who have passed into the Great Camping Ground during the year, and forwarded to Department Headquarters at once.

The following form should be used. Write plainly.

Name.	Date of Death.	Rank	Co.	Regiment or Ship	Place of Birth.
John W. Smith	Nov. 11, 1924	Private	B	42nd Mass. Infantry	Spencer, Mass.
Henry H. White	Feb. 17, 1924	Sergt.	C	1st Mass. Cavalry	Boston, Mass.
Charles T. Brown	Mch. 6, 1924	Corp.	—	1st Mass. Battery	Brighton.
Wm. H. Black	April 5, 1924	Seaman	Navy	U.S.S. Roanoke and Ohio	Lynn.

III. IMPORTANT. Many of the Posts have not sent in their Credential Reports up to the present time. They should be forwarded at once. Adjutants will please take notice. It is the desire of the Department that the small Posts will "stick to the ship" to the last man. But to do this, Post Officers must show interest enough to forward their reports to Headquarters promptly, regardless of the size of the Post.

Post Commanders desiring to recommend a comrade as an aide on the staff of the Commander-in-Chief and the Department Commander must send the name and address to the Assistant Adjutant-General on or before January 1, 1927.

IV. Comrade Philip A. Nordell having resigned as Headquarters Clerk, on account of his disability, I hereby appoint Helen A. Phinney, Past Department President of Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, to fill the vacancy. She will be respected accordingly.

Per order,
WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, December 29, 1926.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 7. }

I. The Countersign for 1927 is enclosed herein.

II. If your Annual Reports have not been forwarded to these Headquarters, please notify your Adjutant and Quartermaster to attend that duty, and see that they are sent at once.

Small Posts of two or three members must send their reports just the same as if their numbers were larger.

III. National General Orders No. 2 is also herein enclosed.

IV. The Commander extends to every comrade his best wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, coupled with his heartfelt prayer that Our Heavenly Father will lead them safely through the year and spare their lives that they may continue to enjoy the blessings of the country they helped to save.

Per order,
WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, February 21, 1927.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 8. }

I. The Sixty-first Annual Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts, Grand Army of the Republic, will be held in Faneuil Hall, Boston, Tuesday, April 12, 1927.

II. James A. Perkins Post 156, Everett, having tendered its services for guard duty at the Encampment, Commander Edwin F. Morrill will detail one Comrade for Officer of the Day, one for Officer of the Guard and six Comrades as Guards. They will report in full uniform, without arms, to the Assistant Adjutant-General in Faneuil Hall, at 9 o'clock A.M., Tuesday morning, April 12th.

III. Department Headquarters will be closed during the sessions of the Encampment. They will be open at 9 o'clock, Thursday morning, April 14th, when all comrades will be cordially welcomed.

IV. Railroad Fares. Important! !

- (a) The railroads have agreed to make a reduction in fares from all points where the railroad fare is 67 cents or more.
- (b) From those stations a price of one-and-one-half fare will be given for the round trip to Boston and return.
- (c) Parties desiring to take advantage of this reduction must apply at the station some days in advance in order that the agent may have certificate necessary to procure a homeward-bound ticket for half fare.
- (d) Immediately on arrival at the Encampment, present your certificate to Assistant Adjutant-General Wetherbee for endorsement.
- (e) A special railroad agent will be present on April 12 and 13 from 8.30 A.M. to 1.30 P.M. to validate the certificate for the return ticket. Validation will be made on those dates and hours only.
- (f) After validation you will be entitled up to and including April 18th, to present your ticket to the ticket agent and purchase a return ticket via the same route as the going trip, at one-half the regular fare to the point at which your certificate was issued.
- (g) Refund of fares will not be made on account of failure to return certificate on the dates mentioned, or for any reason not in accordance with the prescribed conditions under which the arrangement is made. This reduction will be given to members only of the Grand Army and its allied organizations.

V. The Annual Banquet will take place at the close of the Encampment in Kingsley Hall, Ford Building, about 1.30, April 13th. Tickets \$1.50 each, and can be obtained of the Assistant Adjutant-General. Good speakers will be present. Don't miss it.

VI. Under separate cover are forwarded to the Post Commander, the CREDENTIALS of the members who have seats in the Encampment. They will see that they are promptly placed in the hands of those for whom they are intended, together with the admonition that they do not forget to take them with them when they leave home. They are necessary to obtain admittance into the Encampment.

VII. The following-named comrades are hereby appointed Aides-de-Camp on the staff of the Department Commander; they will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Bela Alden, Post 78.
 Nat. S. Barry, Post 102.
 Leonard Boyd, Post 62.
 George S. Campbell, Post 11.
 Wm. E. Carlton, Post 49.
 E. W. Childs, Post 204.
 A. J. Fox, Post 63.
 George W. Green, Post 200.
 George L. Hall, Post 2.
 Joseph H. Haskell, Post 92.
 John F. Hatch, Post 73.
 Julius A. Hermann, Post 199.

George M. Houghton, Post 139.
 Wallace Kenney, Post 68.
 Nahum F. Nickelson, Post 1.
 Francis J. O'Reilly, Post 56.
 John S. Preston, Post 48.
 O. J. Putnam, Post 53.
 John J. Ryder, Post 203.
 George S. Whitney, Post 22.
 Joseph A. Wiggin, Post 4.
 E. S. Witherell, Post 16.
 John E. Wharton, Post 35.

Aides on the staff of the Department Commander will report in the Armory of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., Tuesday at 9.30 A.M. White gloves, no belts.

VIII. The attention of Posts is again called to the rule regarding the appointment of others than Comrades to assist the Adjutant and Quartermaster in their duties. The *titles* of each of these offices must be in a Comrade of the Grand Army and if that Comrade is unable to perform the duties of the office, a CLERK, who must be known as such, may do the work for the officer. If there is no one else available the Commander's appointment of himself will be recognized and then he can have a clerk to do the work. No one except a Comrade in good standing is entitled to the title of any office in a Post.

IX. The next National Encampment will be held in Dayton, Ohio, during week of September 11. Details later.

Per order,
WILLIAM F. BROWN,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, April 7, 1927.

GENERAL ORDERS
No. 9. }

I. It is with deep sorrow that announcement is made that Department Commander William F. Brown passed to the Great Camping Ground Wednesday, April 6, 1927. Comrade Brown served in the Civil War as a member of Company G., 45th Massachusetts Infantry and also as 1st Sergeant, Company C., 4th Massachusetts Heavy Artillery.

He was elected Department Commander at the Encampment held April 6, 1926, and has been faithful to the trust.

Comrade Brown was a man of high ideals, of high moral character, and was ever ready to serve his Comrades.

"None knew him but to love him."

II. Having, in accordance with rules and regulations, been installed Commander of the Department of Massachusetts G. A. R. for the unfinished term of the late Department Commander, William F. Brown, I hereby assume command.

III. By the same authority, Junior Vice-Commander Edwin J. Foster has become Senior Vice-Commander.

IV. All appointed officers will retain their present positions and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

V. Post Charters should be draped for thirty days.

It is suggested that flags be placed at half mast on Post Halls when possible.

Per order,
HENRY A. MONK,
Department Commander.

W. A. WETHERBEE,
Assistant Adjutant-General.

ROSTER DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Headquarters, State House, Boston.

DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, 1926.

WILLIAM F. BROWN, <i>Commander</i>	Post 163, Framingham.
HENRY A. MONK, <i>Senior Vice-Commander</i>	Post 87, S. Braintree.
EDWIN J. FOSTER, <i>Junior Vice-Commander</i>	Post 10, Worcester.
SAMUEL J. WADE, <i>Medical Director</i>	Post 13, Brockton.
REV. GEORGE W. NEAD, <i>Chaplain</i>	Post 169, Norwood.

OFFICIAL STAFF.

WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>	Post 62, Newton.
EUGENE D. SANBORN, <i>Assistant Quartermaster-General</i>	Post 15, Boston.
HERBERT F. JOYNER, <i>Judge-Advocate</i>	Post 196, Great Barrington.
WILLIAM R. REED, <i>Inspector</i>	Post 163, Framingham.
E. H. LINCOLN, <i>Chief Mustering Officer</i>	Post 125, Pittsfield.
JOSHUA L. GRAY, <i>Patriotic Instructor</i>	Post 74, Rockland.
WILLIAM H. MORGAN, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>	Post 89, Beverly.

COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION.

ALBERT FITZMEYER	Post 15, Boston.
JAMES H. WEBB	Post 88, Quincy.
GEORGE W. COREY	Post 168, Southbridge.
WILLIAM B. WEBBER	Post 143, Brookline.
J. W. POLAND	Post 12, Wakefield.
PHILIP A. NORDELL, <i>Headquarters Clerk</i>	Post 143, Brookline.
HELEN A. PHINNEY, <i>Past Department President</i> <i>Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War,</i> <i>Headquarters Clerk</i>	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

	Post.	Year.	Location.
JOHN D. BILLINGS	186	1884	Cambridge.
W. A. WETHERBEE	62	1894	Boston.
J. PAYSON BRADLEY	2	1906	Boston.
GEORGE A. HOSLEY	11	1912	Charlestown.
THOMAS J. AMES	53	1913	Leominster.
JOHN M. WOODS	139	1914	Somerville.
ALFRED H. KNOWLES	36	1915	Arlington.
GEORGE W. WILDER	15	1919	Boston.
HORACE GOODWIN	16	1920	Springfield.
EDWIN F. MORRILL	156	1921	Everett.
HENRY CLARK	36	1922	Arlington.
GEORGE W. PRATT	72	1923	Stoughton.
BENJAMIN A. HAM	2	1924	South Boston.
HENRY N. COMEY	90	1925	Danvers.

DECEASED.

	Post.	Year.	Date of Death.
AUSTIN S. CUSHMAN	1	1866-67	Jan. 29, 1907
A. B. R. SPRAGUE	10	1868	May 17, 1910
FRANCIS A. OSBORN	15	1869	Mar. 11, 1914
JAMES L. BATES	85	1870	Nov. 11, 1875
WILLIAM COGSWELL	34	1871	May 22, 1895
ADIN B. UNDERWOOD	62	1873	Jan. 14, 1888
JOHN W. KIMBALL	19	1874	July 15, 1910
GEORGE S. MERRILL	39	1875	Feb. 17, 1900

	Post.	Year.	Date of Death.	
HORACE B. SARGENT	15	1876-78	Jan.	18, 1908
JOHN G. B. ADAMS	5	1879	Oct.	19, 1900
JOHN A. HAWES	1	1880	Mar.	10, 1883
GEORGE W. CREASEY	49	1881	July	3, 1909
GEORGE H. PATCH	63	1882	July	26, 1887
GEORGE S. EVANS	30	1883	April	7, 1903
JOHN W. HERSEY	16	1885	Oct.	25, 1912
RICHARD F. TOBIN	2	1886	Nov.	22, 1893
CHARLES D. NASH	78	1887	Aug.	5, 1910
MYRON D. WALKER	97	1888	Mar.	25, 1911
GEORGE L. GOODALE	66	1889	Jan.	30, 1911
GEORGE H. INNIS	2	1890	Jan.	19, 1907
ARTHUR A. SMITH	20	1891	Mar.	21, 1907
JAMES K. CHURCHILL	10	1892	Dec.	6, 1912
ELI W. HALL	5	1893	Nov.	26, 1920
JOS. W. THAYER	35	1895	July	22, 1905
WILLIAM P. DERBY	16	1896	Feb.	6, 1901
JOHN M. DEANE	46	1897	Sept.	2, 1914
WILLIAM H. BARTLETT	10	1898	July	5, 1901
JOHN E. GILMAN	26	1899	Feb.	20, 1921
PETER D. SMITH	99	1900	Jan.	16, 1911
SILAS A. BARTON	29	1901	May	27, 1911
W. W. BLACKMAR	113	1902	July	16, 1905
DWIGHT O. JUDD	71	1903	Nov.	26, 1906
LUCIUS FIELD	64	1904	Aug.	23, 1910
JAMES H. WOLFF	92	1905	May	3, 1913
DANIEL H. L. GLEASON	63	1907	April	8, 1917
ALFRED S. ROE	10	1908	Jan.	6, 1917
JOHN L. PARKER	5	1909	Feb.	27, 1917
J. WILLARD BROWN	186	1910	Dec.	7, 1910
GRANVILLE C. FISKE	18	1910-11	Aug.	11, 1921
FRANCIS E. MOLE	126	1916	Dec.	29, 1923
DANIEL E. DENNY	10	1917	Nov.	17, 1925
EDWIN P. STANLEY	67	1918	Dec.	27, 1924
WILLIAM L. GAGE	87	1925	May	12, 1925

Honorably discharged from the Order.

	Post.	
HENRY R. SIBLEY	11	1872

REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT.

Delegate-at-Large

Orlando F. Hatch, Post 49

Alternate-at-Large

Dudley Page, Post 42

Representatives

Alternates

Post

Post

DISTRICT No. 1.

John H. Lawrence	1	Henry N. Hopkins	3
Edward Hague	46	George N. Alden	190

DISTRICT No. 2.

Alvin C. Howes	8	Samuel J. Wade	13
John D. Thompson	74	Bela Alden	78

DISTRICT No. 3.

John E. Bronson	144	David Dunbar	58
William Formean	169	James McElroy	72

DISTRICT No. 4.

David King	15	Dennis Driscoll	15
Martin Feeney	15	John McDonough	7
John McGrath	77	James S. Mitchell	121
James F. Flynn	26	Albert A. Nickerson	35

DISTRICT No. 5.

Alexander S. Wright	5	Eugene M. Libby	5
William E. Carlton	49	Charles Smith	49
George W. Towne	39	John A. Brackett	146
Charles A. Moore	122	Charles Stone	122
Thomas F. Whiting	89	Daniel N. Steingardt	5

DISTRICT No. 6.

Charles L. Robinson	4	Nathan G. Lamson	42
Henri Batchelder	156	Chester S. Goodwin	42
John F. Shea	12	Asa Childs	4
Orrin Stone	40	Francis J. O'Reilly	56
T. Crowley	42	Joseph A. Wiggins	4

DISTRICT No. 7.

Genery T. Darling	10	L. E. Heath	22
George W. Corey	168	W. W. Tanner	19
Albert A. Buxton	19	E. H. Davenport	173
George S. Whitney	22	Roswell C. Powers	116

DISTRICT No. 8.

W. H. Abbott	71	E. B. Smith	41
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DISTRICT No. 9.

James R. Hamilton	171	Charles H. Arnum	79
John R. Sears	174	Frank Spear	17

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Abington	73	Brookline	143
Amesbury	122	Cambridge	56
Amherst	147	Cambridge	30
Andover	99	Canton	94
Arlington	36	Centerville	204
Ashland	18	Charlestown	11
Athol	140	Chelsea	35
Athol Center	123	Clinton	64
Attleboro	145	Colrain	20
Avon	193	Concord	180
Ayer	48	Conway	164
Barre	179	Danvers	90
Beverly	89	Dedham	144
Beverly Farms	188	Dorchester	68
Boston	7	Duxbury	165
Boston	15	East Boston	159
Boston	21	East Boston	23
Boston	113	East Bridgewater	212
Boston	134	Eastondale	52
Boston	191	East Pepperell	195
Bourne	203	East Templeton	109
Brighton	92	East Weymouth	58
Brockton	13	Essex	152
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Framingham	163	Orange	17
Franklin	60	Oxford	27
Gardner	116	Peabody	50
Georgetown	108	Pembroke	111
Gloucester	45	Pittsfield	125
Grafton	24	Plainville	133
Great Barrington	196	Plymouth	76
Greenfield	174	Quincy	88
Groton	115	Randolph	110
Groveland	101	Reading	194
Hanover	83	Revere	199
Haverhill	47	Rockland	74
Hingham	104	Rockport	106
Holden	77	Roxbury	26
Holyoke	71	Salem	34
Hopkinton	14	Sandwich	132
Hudson	9	Saugus	95
Huntington	176	Scituate	31
Hyde Park	121	Shelburne Falls	93
Ipswich	128	Shrewsbury	135
Jamaica Plain	200	Somerset	182
Lancaster	175	Somerville	139
Lawrence	39	Southboro	44
Lawrence	146	South Boston	2
Leominster	53	South Boston	32
Lexington	119	South Braintree	87
Lowell	42	Southbridge	168
Lowell	120	Spencer	37
Lowell	185	Springfield	16
Lynn	5	Stoneham	75
Malden	40	Stoughton	72
Manchester	67	Sturbridge	173
Mansfield	170	Swampscott	118
Marblehead	82	Taunton	3
Marlboro	43	Upton	105
Marshfield Hills	189	Wakefield	12
Medfield	117	Walpole	157
Medford	66	Waltham	29
Melrose	4	Ware	85
Merrimac	114	Wareham	208
Middleboro	8	Watertown	81
Milford	22	Webster	61
Millbury	70	West Acton	138
Milton	102	Westboro	80
Nantucket	207	West Brookfield	160
Natick	63	Westfield	41
New Bedford	1	West Medway	130
New Bedford	190	Westminster	69
Newburyport	49	West Newbury	151
Newtonville	62	Whitman	78
North Adams	79	Williamstown	209
Northampton	86	Winchendon	153
North Attleboro	192	Woburn	33
North Brookfield	51	Woburn	161
Northfield	171	Worcester	10

ROSTER OF POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

Numerically arranged with Location, Names of Officers, Time of Meetings, etc.

[Where no address is given it is the same as that of the Post.]

NAME.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1925.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Time of Meeting.
Wm. Logan Rodman	1	New Bedford	26	Nahum F. Nickerson, So. Dartmouth	Oct. 4, 1866	Wednesday afternoon.
Dahlgren	2	South Boston	20	Benj. A. Ham, 15 Salcombe St., Dorchester	Feb. 26, 1880	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Wm. H. Bartlett	3	Taunton	33	Oscar A. Hillard, 70½ Main St.	Jan. 2, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
U. S. Grant	4	Melrose	21	Chas. L. Robinson	Feb. 19, 1867	1st and 3d Saturdays afternoons.
General Lander	5	Lynn	115	Chas. H. Brackett, G. A. R. Hall	Feb. 27, 1867	Thursday afternoon.
P. T. Wyman	6	Holliston	8	George R. Russell	Mar. 8, 1867	2d Tuesday.
Charles Russell Lowell	7	Boston	35	Charles O. Newell, 48 Florence St., Everett	Mar. 11, 1867	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
F. W. Pierce	8	Middleboro	27	Alvin C. Howes	Mar. 13, 1867	Saturday afternoon.
Reno	9	Hudson	14	Lorenzo F. Hemenway, 10 Lincoln St.	May 27, 1867	Saturday afternoon.
George H. Ward	10	Worcester	133	William H. Adams, 40 June St.	Apr. 13, 1867	Thursday afternoon.
Abraham Lincoln	11	Charlestown	29	J. F. Stoddard, 334 Washington Ave., Chelsea	Apr. 23, 1867	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Horace M. Warren	12	Wakefield	22	I. Warren Poland, 230 Main St.	Aug. 16, 1867	1st Saturday afternoon.
Fletcher Webster	13	Brockton	41	Andrew C. Gibbs, G. A. R. Hall	July 1, 1867	Friday.
C. C. Phillips	14	Hopkinton	11	Edwin A. Newton, Woodville	Feb. 28, 1903	Monday afternoon.
John A. Andrew	15	Boston	43	David King, 44 Prospect St., Everett	Aug. 6, 1867	1st and 3d Fridays.
E. K. Wilcox.	16	Springfield	70	Edwin S. Wetherell, 27 Florence St.	Aug. 9, 1867	2d Saturday afternoon.
General Sedgwick	17	Orange	13	Edward Baker, 30 Burrill Ave.	Aug. 9, 1867	2d Friday afternoon.
Colonel Prescott	18	Ashland	3	Dana Wenzell	Aug. 12, 1867	1st Saturday.
Edwin V. Sumner	19	Fitchburg	36	W. W. Tanner, 88 Central St.	Aug. 16, 1867	3d and 4th Saturdays.
Frederick Hecker	21	Boston	4	Henry Bornstein, 284 Talbot Ave., Dorchester	Feb. 22, 1881	Wednesday
Maj. E. F. Fletcher	22	Milford	18	Geo. S. Whitney, 20 Fruit St.	Sept. 19, 1867	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Joseph Hooker	23	East Boston	11	Joseph Rossiter, 25 Princeton St.	Sept. 17, 1867	Last Monday afternoon.
A. B. R. Sprague	24	Grafton	5	Edwin A. Howe	Sept. 25, 1867	2d and 4th Monday afternoons.
Thos. G. Stevenson	26	Roxbury	36	J. F. Flynn, 22 Howland St.	Sept. 30, 1867	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Charles Devens	27	Oxford	2	Richard H. Murray	Nov. 14, 1870	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
F. P. H. Rogers	29	Waltham	19	Samuel E. Clark, 333 Crescent St.	Oct. 21, 1867	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Wm. H. Smart	30	Cambridge	25	Jeremiah J. Gilman, G. A. R. Hall, 291 Green St.	Oct. 23, 1867	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
George W. Perry	31	Scituate	10	Albert C. Clapp	July 15, 1875	2d Thursday afternoon.
Washington	32	South Boston	9	John F. Murphy, 58 Thurston St., W. Som.	Nov. 6, 1867	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Burbank	33	Woburn	3	Wm. C. Colgate, 43 Wyman St.	Nov. 6, 1867	Thursday
Phil. H. Sheridan	34	Salem	54	Milton Coffin, 420 Essex St.	Nov. 15, 1867	1st and 3d Wednesday afternoons.
Theodore Winthrop	35	Chelsea	38	Jeremiah Norris, R. F. D. 43; Essex	Nov. 16, 1867	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Francis Gould	36	Arlington	16	Charles S. Parker, 446 Mass. Ave.	May 26, 1881	2d and 4th Thursdays.

F. A. Stearns	37	Spencer	11	Robert E. Gibson, 67 Main St.	Nov. 20, 1867	1st and 3d Thursday afternoons.
Dexter	38	Brookfield	3	Charles F. Mullett	Nov. 27, 1867	1st Friday afternoon.
Needham	39	Lawrence	25	James Morgan, 43 Whitman St.	Dec. 10, 1867	1st Saturday.
Gen. H. G. Berry	40	Malden	32	Flavel W. Downs, 24 Blometh St.	Oct. 1, 1873	Thursday afternoon.
Lyon	41	Westfield	11	Edwin B. Smith, 47 Broad St.	Jan. 9, 1868	1st Monday.
B. F. Butler	42	Lowell	15	Arthur McQuade, 127 Rogers St.	Jan. 15, 1868	1st Wednesday.
John A. Rawlins	43	Marlboro	18	George H. Brigham, 280 E. Main St.	Jan. 15, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
G. Wesley Nichols	44	Southboro	6	Charles S. Parker	May 17, 1878	2d Monday.
Colonel Allen	45	Gloucester	17	Edward G. Winchester, 22 Middle St.	Jan. 21, 1868	First Saturday afternoon.
Richard Borden	46	Fall River	30	John Gilbert, M.D., 254 Locust St.	Jan. 21, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Major How	47	Haverhill	47	Smith W. Lucas, G. A. R. Hall	Jan. 28, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
George L. Boutwell	48	Ayer	13	John S. Preston, Harvard, Mass.	Jan. 18, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. W. Bartlett	49	Newburyport	49	Orlando F. Hatch	Feb. 17, 1868	2d Friday afternoon.
Union	50	Peabody	20	Edward Q. Moulton, South Lynnfield	Apr. 18, 1879	2d Saturday afternoon.
Ezra Bachelier	51	North Brookfield	7	George W. Bruce	Feb. 28, 1868	1st Thursday afternoon.
A. B. Randall	52	Eastondale	7	Nathaniel W. Slocum, South Easton	Feb. 29, 1868	3d Saturday afternoon.
Chas. H. Stevens	53	Leominster	23	Thomas J. Ames, 156 Central St.	June 13, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Charles Beck	56	Cambridge	11	Francis J. O'Reilly, 9 Saville St.	June 26, 1868	2d Saturday afternoon.
Reynolds	58	E. Weymouth	29	Francis A. Bicknell, North Weymouth	July 2, 1868	Friday afternoon.
Franklin	60	Franklin	9	Anthony Connor, 92 Pleasant St.	May 16, 1881	1st and 3d Monday afternoons.
Nathaniel Lyon	61	Webster	13	Elias B. Wakefield, 7 Fifth Ave.	July 21, 1868	2d and 4th Thursday afternoons.
Charles Ward	62	Newtonville	42	William Mick, Newton Highlands	July 23, 1868	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Gen. Wadsworth	63	Natick	20	A. C. Ambler, 20 Nelson St.	Aug. 17, 1868	Tuesday afternoon.
E. D. Baker	64	Clinton	11	G. S. Gibson	Aug. 21, 1868	1st Friday.
S. C. Lawrence	66	Medford	17	Geo. L. Stokell, 7 Rockwood Terrace	Sept. 29, 1868	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Allen	67	Manchester	2	Charles H. Stone	Oct. 8, 1868	Friday.
Benj. Stone, Jr.	68	Dorchester	32	Wallace Kenney, 9 Euclid St.	Nov. 9, 1868	1st Saturday afternoon.
Joseph P. Rice	69	Westminster	4	Jesse F. Coombs	Nov. 3, 1876	2d Saturday afternoon.
George A. Custer	70	Millbury	22	Henry W. Davidson, West Millbury	Nov. 25, 1868	1st and 3d Monday afternoons.
Kilpatrick	71	Holyoke	10	William H. Abbott, 145 Allyn St.	Nov. 30, 1868	2d and 4th Tuesday afternoons.
A. St. John Chamber	72	Stoughton	18	James McElroy, 99 Bird St.	Dec. 23, 1868	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
McPherson	73	Abington	20	John F. Hatch, 199 Central St., Rockland	Jan. 11, 1869	Monday afternoon.
Hartsuff	74	Rockland	23	Wm. R. Groce, 117 Arlington St.	Jan. 15, 1869	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
J. P. Gould	75	Stoneham	18	James O. Laughlin, Pomworth St.	Jan. 19, 1869	1st Saturday afternoon.
Collingwood	76	Plymouth	5	Willie R. Butters, 242 Sandwich Rd.	Jan. 30, 1869	1st Friday afternoon.
Theron E. Hall	77	Holden	16	C. E. Farrar	Mar. 30, 1869	Tuesday afternoon.
David A. Russell	78	Whitman	21	Bela Alden, 70 South Ave.	June 18, 1881	Friday afternoon.
Chas. D. Sanford	79	North Adams	11	Alfred A. Lee, 5 Wesleyon St.	Dec. 20, 1870	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Arthur G. Biscoe	80	Westboro	10	John W. Fairbanks, South St.	Mar. 29, 1869	2d Monday.
Isaac B. Patten	81	Watertown	28	A. F. Tolman, John A. Andrew Home, Newton	Apr. 29, 1869	1st and 3d Monday afternoons.
John Goodwin, Jr.	82	Marblehead	6	Samuel Snow	May 12, 1869	Tuesday on or before full moon.
J. E. Wilder	83	Hanover	10	Geo. M. Curtis	Aug. 4, 1882	1st Wednesday afternoon.
J. W. Lawton	85	Ware	33	A. H. Richardson, Box 239 Gilbertville	June 2, 1869	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
W. L. Baker	86	Northampton	8	Wm. R. Bardwell, 122 Pine St., Florence	June 4, 1869	Saturday afternoon.
Gen. S. Thayer	87	South Braintree	14	Henry A. Monk, Box 63	June 5, 1868	2d and 4th Thursdays.
Paul J. Revere	88	Quincy	34	John D. Williams, 17 Quincy St.	June 8, 1869	Thursday afternoon.
J. H. Chipman, Jr.	89	Beverly	21	Wm. H. Morgan, 17 Swan St.	Nov. 12, 1873	1st Monday afternoon.
Ward	90	Danvers	15	Alonzo A. Rackliffe, 12 Lawrence St.	June 15, 1869	1st and 3d Mondays.
Francis Washburn	92	Brighton	8	John Welch, 40 Colwell Ave.	June 24, 1869	Wednesday afternoon.
Ozro Miller	93	Shelburne Falls	9	George E. Jones	June 4, 1869	2d and 4th Tuesdays.
Revere	94	Canton	6	Richmond L. Weston, P. O. Box 83		
Gen. E. Hincks	95	Saugus		Joseph Newhall, 74 Main St.		

ROSTER OF POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC—*Concluded.*

NAME.	No.	Location.	Members Dec. 31, 1925.	Commander.	Date of Charter.	Time of Meeting.
Gen. W. F. Bartlett	99	Andover	7	Henry L. Clukey, 404 Main St., Groveland.	Apr. 18, 1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
Charles Sumner	101	Groveland	6	Charles J. Shute, 54 Van Buren St., Haverhill	June 16, 1869	3d Tuesday afternoon.
Huntington F. Wolcott	102	Milton	9	Nat. S. Barry, Box 114, Dedham	Apr. 3, 1879	2d Wednesday.
Edwin Humphrey	104	Hingham	8	Ezra Wilder, South Hingham	July 26, 1869	1st Thursday.
J. Orson Fiske	105	Upton	5	Willard Wood, Hopedale	July 15, 1881	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Otis W. Wallace	106	Rockport	5	Joseph M. Read, 96 Granite St., Pigeon Cove	Dec. 30, 1881	Last Saturday afternoon.
Everett Peabody	108	Georgetown	6	C. E. Tyler, Acting Adj., 96 Elm St.	Aug. 18, 1869	2d and last Saturday afternoons.
Errierson	109	East Templeton	10	Allen A. Bronsdon, Baldwinville	Oct. 11, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
Capt. Horace Niles	110	Randolph	19	Hiram S. Faunce, 271 Lafayette St.	Oct. 29, 1869	1st and 3d Friday afternoons.
Joseph E. Simmons	111	Pembroke	4	Benj. P. Toppan	Oct. 29, 1869	4th Tuesday afternoon.
D. Willard Robinson	112	Norwell	7	Alfred B. Litchfield, Assinippi	Nov. 1, 1869	1st Tuesday afternoon.
Edward W. Kinsley	113	Boston	36	Oliver F. Ricker, 15 Ashburton Place	Dec. 18, 1869	3d Wednesday.
Col. C. R. Mudge	114	Merrimac	13	L. B. Blaisdell	Dec. 20, 1869	2d Saturday afternoon.
E. S. Clark	115	Groton	4	Charles H. Berry, 121 Hanover St.	July 30, 1874	1st Saturday.
D. G. Farragut	116	Gardner	18	Amos H. Eaton, 149 E. Broadway, So. Gardner	Dec. 30, 1869	Last Saturday afternoon.
Moses Ellis	117	Medfield	4	Ellery C. Crocker	Jan. 23, 1870	2d Wednesday afternoon.
Gen. James L. Bates	118	Swampscott	9	Daniel C. Beckett, 41 Union St., E. Lynn	Jan. 24, 1870	Saturday afternoon.
George G. Meade	119	Lexington	5	William B. Foster, 12 Plainfield St.	May 23, 1873	1st and 2d Thursdays.
James A. Garfield	120	Lowell	23	Frank B. Flanders, 28 Leverett St.	Oct. 26, 1881	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
Timothy Ingraham	121	Hyde Park	22	Richard F. Boynton, 50 Oak St.	Mar. 22, 1870	2d and 4th Wednesdays.
E. P. Wallace	122	Amesbury	14	Charles A. Moore, 17 Chester St.	Mar. 23, 1870	1st Saturday afternoon.
Parker	123	Athol	12	Lyman B. Hastings, Station A.	June 12, 1870	Last Saturday afternoon.
W. W. Rockwell	125	Pittsfield	32	Edward C. Reagan, New Lenox	Mar. 10, 1882	2d and 4th Saturdays.
Gen. J. Appleton	128	Ipswich	2	Chas. W. Bamford, 47 Washington St.	Jan. 17, 1882	Saturday afternoon.
James H. Sargent	130	W. Medway	13	Elmer L. Videtto, W. Medway	Mar. 18, 1882	1st Thursday.
Charles Chipman	132	Sandwich	10	J. Frank Giles	Feb. 24, 1882	2d Saturday afternoon.
George H. Maintien	133	Plainville	8	Granville Morse, Wrentham	May 23, 1882	3d Monday afternoon.
Robert A. Bell	134	Boston	20	Edward A. Ditmus, 30 Winsor St., Roxbury	June 29, 1870	1st Thursday afternoon.
E. A. Andrews	135	Shrewsbury	2	Hiram W. Loring	Dec. 30, 1873	1st Monday afternoon.
Isaac Davis	138	West Acton	13	George S. Towne	May 2, 1882	2d Wednesday.
Willard C. Kinsley	139	Somerville	37	Geo. M. Houghton, 21 Webster St.	May 18, 1870	Monday afternoon.
H. V. Smith	140	Athol	10	Chas. V. Goddard, Box, 74	Aug. 22, 1881	1st Saturday afternoon.
C. L. Chandler	143	Brookline	14	Wm. B. Webber, 311 Newton St.	Jan. 24, 1871	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Chas. W. Carroll	144	Dedham	10	J. E. Bronson, 44 Sanderson Ave., E. Dedham	May 22, 1871	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Wm. A. Streeter	145	Attleboro	22	John W. Bean	June 6, 1871	2d Wednesday afternoon.
Gen. Lawton	146	Lawrence	25	John A. Brackett, 48 Abbott St.	Apr. 6, 1904	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
E. M. Stanton	147	Amherst	13	Orville W. Prouty, Northampton	Oct. 31, 1882	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Major Boyd	151	West Newbury	3	John A. Bradley	Jan. 10, 1874	4th Saturday, quarterly.
O. H. P. Sargent	152	Essex	3	Albert Andrews	Jan. 22, 1883	1st and 3d Mondays.
Gilman C. Parker	153	Winchendon	7	Gustavus W. Jones, Winchendon Center	Mar. 6, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.
Martha Sever	154	Kingston	2	A. E. Lincoln	May 24, 1883	1st Saturday afternoon.

James A. Perkins	156	Everett	14	Edwin F. Morrill, 56 Willett St. Wollaston	June 14, 1883	2d and 4th Saturdays.
E. B. Piper	157	Walpole	2	Fred. A. Hartshorn, Walpole	July 1, 1883	4th Monday.
John A. Hawes	159	East Boston	7	Stephen D. Snow, Concord St., Rockland	Sept. 7, 1883	1st and 3d Tuesdays.
Alan Hamilton	160	W. Brookfield	7	George H. Allen	Sept. 18, 1883	1st Monday afternoon.
Woburn	161	Woburn	10	Edwin F. Wyer, 9 Warren Ave.	Jan. 23, 1884	3d Saturday afternoon.
Gen. J. G. Foster	163	Frammingham	18	W. F. Brown, 169 W. Brookline St., Boston	Mar. 25, 1884	1st Tuesday afternoon.
F. A. Clary	164	Conway	4	George A. Hassell	Apr. 29, 1884	3d Monday afternoon.
Wm. Wadsworth	165	Duxbury	4	James K. Burgess, Duxbury R. F. D.	May 19, 1884	1st Friday afternoon.
M. Ammidown	168	Southbridge	12	Geo. W. Corey	June 27, 1884	2d and 4th Saturday afternoons.
George R. Bird	169	Norwood	7	Rev. George W. Nead	July 21, 1884	2d Thursday.
John Rogers	170	Mansfield	13	Leander Wentworth, Chilson Ave.	July 31, 1884	1st and 3d Saturday afternoons.
Henry H. Johnson	171	Northfield	4	J. R. Hamilton, 10 Glenwood Ave., E. Northfield.	Aug. 5, 1884	3d Friday afternoon.
J. Arthur Johnson	173	Sturbridge	7	E. H. Davenport, East Brimfield.	Aug. 26, 1884	1st and 3d Tuesday afternoons.
Edwin E. Day	174	Greenfield	25	James A. Horton	Aug. 29, 1884	1st Saturday afternoon.
Gen. H. C. Lee	176	Huntington	6	H. E. Stanton	Oct. 9, 1884	Saturday afternoon, on or before f. m.
Samuel F. Wood	179	Barre	9	Benj. F. Brooks, 48 Sargent St., Fitchburg	Dec. 11, 1884	1st Saturday afternoon.
Old Concord	180	Concord	7	George F. Wheeler	Dec. 20, 1884	2d Wednesday afternoon.
C. M. Wheaton	182	Somerset	5	Amos C. Fadelford, Pottersville	Oct. 16, 1885	2d Tuesday.
Ladd and Whitney	183	Lowell	27	Franklin S. Pevey, 68 Dover St.	Apr. 14, 1886	1st and 3d Wednesdays.
Preston	188	Beverly Farms	2	Benjamin F. Osborn	Apr. 28, 1887	Wednesday afternoon.
David Church	189	Marshfield Hills	10	James L. Rogers	Sept. 15, 1887	1st Wednesday afternoon.
R. A. Pierce	190	New Bedford	44	Geo. N. Alden, 17 Arnold Place	May 28, 1887	Saturday afternoon.
Gettysburg	191	Boston	22	Edward A. Hammond, 52 Chauncy St.	May 11, 1888	2d and 4th Friday afternoons.
P. M. Whiting	192	North Attleboro	9	Stephen Stanley, 327 Towne St., Attleboro Falls	July 26, 1888	1st Saturday afternoon
C. M. Packard	193	Avon	4	Ira McLaughlin, 30 Page St.	Sept. 25, 1888	1st Tuesday afternoon.
Veteran	194	Reading	11	Walter S. Parker, 55 Walnut St.	Mar. 7, 1889	2d Saturday afternoon.
Thos. A. Parker	195	East Pepperell	8	Otis A. Merrill, R. F. D.	Mar. 20, 1889	1st Tuesday afternoon.
G. D. Anderson	196	Great Barrington	7	Herbert C. Joyner	Mar. 26, 1889	Saturday afternoon.
Wm. B. Eaton	199	Revere	6	Horace Furbush, 24 Westland Ave., Boston	Jan. 10, 1890	Last Saturday afternoon.
Boston	200	Jamaica Plain	11	Geo. W. Green, 4 Lester Place	June 5, 1890	1st and 3rd Fridays.
E. B. Nye	203	Bourne	3	John J. Ryder, Buzzards Bay	Aug. 1, 1890	1st Monday afternoon.
Theo. Parkman	204	Centerville	6	Thomas H. Soule, Jr. Hyannis	Oct. 15, 1890	1st and 3rd Saturday afternoons.
Thos. Gardner	207	Nantucket	6	Josiah F. Murphy, 19 Hussey St.	Aug. 28, 1891	When called.
Gen. W. T. Sherman	208	Wareham	4	James A. Harlow, Box 336	Sept. 25, 1891	Friday afternoon.
E. P. Hopkins	209	Williamstown.	6	Rev. W. M. Stocking, Williamstown	Dec. 10, 1891	2d Monday afternoon.
A. C. Monroe	212	E. Bridgewater	3	Charles E. Allen	July 9, 1895	Thursday.

Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1924, 3613. Number of members in good standing Dec. 31, 1925, 2667.

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC NATIONAL OFFICERS, 1925-1926.

JOHN B. INMAN, <i>Commander-in-Chief</i>	Springfield, Ill.
OSCAR A. JANES, <i>Senior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>	Detroit, Mich.
WILLIAM O. ALLEN, <i>Junior Vice-Commander-in-Chief</i>	Newark, N. J.
JOHN GILBERT, M.D., <i>Surgeon-General</i>	Fall River, Mass.
WILLIAM P. MCKINSEY, <i>Chaplain-in-Chief</i>	Cincinnati, Ohio.

STAFF OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

HENRY B. DAVIDSON, <i>Adjutant-General</i>	Springfield, Ill.
COLA D. R. STOWITS, <i>Quartermaster-General</i>	Buffalo, N. Y.
ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, <i>Judge Advocate-General</i>	Indianapolis, Ind.
ISAAC COLE, <i>Inspector-General</i>	Maplewood, N. J.
LEVI LONGFELLOW, <i>National Patriotic Instructor</i>	Minneapolis, Minn.
RUFUS L. CHASE, <i>Assistant Adjutant-General</i>	Des Moines, Iowa.
SAMUEL P. TOWN, <i>Assistant Quarter-Master General and Custodian</i>	Philadelphia, Pa.
GEORGE A. HOSLEY, <i>Chief-of-Staff</i>	Somerville, Mass.
WALTER L. FUNK, <i>Senior Aide-de-Camp</i>	Grand Rapids, Mich.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS FROM MASSACHUSETTS.

Commanders-in-Chief.

CHARLES DEVENS, 1873-74. Post 10, Worcester. Died January 7, 1891.
 GEORGE S. MERRILL, 1881. Post 39, Lawrence. Died February 17, 1900.
 JOHN G. B. ADAMS, 1894. Post 5, Lynn. Died October 19, 1900.
 WILON W. BLACKMAR, 1905. Post 113, Boston. Died July 6, 1905.
 JOHN E. GILMAN, 1910. Post 26, Roxbury. Died February 20, 1921.

Senior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.

RICHARD F. TOBIN, 1890. Post 2, South Boston. Died November 22, 1890.
 GEORGE H. INNIS, 1891. Post 2, South Boston.
 Elected to fill vacancy caused by decease of Comrade Richard F. Tobin,
 died January 19, 1907.
 WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1902. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.
 GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1921. Post 11, Boston.
 WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1924. Post 62, Newton.

Junior Vice-Commanders-in-Chief.

HERBERT E. HILL, 1878. Post 139, Somerville. Died April 8, 1892.
 E. B. STILLINGS, 1905. Post 113, Boston. Died December 30, 1917.

Chaplains-in-Chief.

ALONZO H. QUINT, 1868-69. Post 1, New Bedford. Died November 4, 1896.
 JOSEPH F. LOVERING, 1876-81. Post 81, Watertown. Died March 4, 1915.
 MARK B. TAYLOR, 1896. Post 94, Canton. Died December 3, 1919.
 GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, 1912. Post 146, Lawrence. Died December 25, 1916.
 PHILIP A. NORDELL, D.D., 1918. Post 143, Brookline.

Adjutants-General.

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1873. Post 113, Boston. Died January 19, 1888.
 HENRY R. SIBLEY, 1873. Post 11, Boston.
 WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1881. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.
 JAMES F. MEECH, 1894. Post 10, Worcester. Died April 30, 1895.
 JOHN E. GILMAN, 1904. Post 26, Roxbury. Died February 20, 1921.
 E. B. STILLINGS, 1910. Post 113, Boston. Died December 30, 1917.

Quartermasters-General.

CORNELIUS G. ATWOOD, 1871-72. Post 113, Boston. Died January 19, 1888.
A. B. R. SPRAGUE, 1873-74. Post 10, Worcester. Died May 17, 1910.

Inspectors-General.

GEORGE S. EVANS, 1888. Post 30, Cambridge. Died April 7, 1903.
GEORGE L. GOODALE, 1892. Post 66, Medford. Died January 30, 1911.
WILLIAM M. OLIN, 1895. Post 26, Roxbury. Died April 15, 1911.
WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, 1901. Post 62, Newton.
J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1912. Post 2, South Boston.

Judge-Advocates-General.

WILLIAM COGSWELL, 1878-79. Post 34, Salem. Died May 22, 1895.
ALBERT CLARK, 1896. Post 191, Boston. Died, 1911.
JAMES H. WOLFF, 1900. Post 92, Brighton. Died May 3, 1913.

Surgeons-General.

SAMUEL A. GREENE, 1871-72. Post 15, Boston. Died, 1918.
JOHN W. FOYE, 1875. Post 15, Boston. Died, 1885.
AZEL AMES, JR., 1882-83. Post 12, Wakefield. Died, 1908.
WILLIAM H. BAKER, 1899-1900. Post 5, Lynn.

Chiefs-of-Staff.

SILAS A. BARTON, 1894. Post 29, Waltham. Died May 27, 1914.
J. PAYSON BRADLEY, 1911. Post 2, Boston.
GEORGE A. HOSLEY, 1915-1925. Post 11, Boston.

ROSTER OF PAST DEPARTMENT AND PAST VICE-DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS.

	COMMANDERS.	Post.	S. V.-COMMANDERS.	Post.	J. V.-COMMANDERS.	Post.
1866	*Austin S. Cushman, Prov. Com.	1				
1867	*Austin S. Cushman	1	*Arthur A. Goodell	10	*B. A. Bridges	6
1868	*A. B. R. Sprague	10	*Geo. H. Pierson	34	*M. W. Burt	3
1869	*Francis A. Osborn	15	*Josiah Pickett	10	*H. C. Lee	16
1870	*James L. Bates	58	*H. M. Phillips	16	*W. O. Fiske	42
1871	*Wm. Cogswell	34	*Wm. Spaulding	11	*S. E. Chamberlain	30
1872	†H. R. Sibley	11	*W. S. B. Hopkins	120	*Gardner A. Churchill	68
1873	*A. B. Underwood	62	*John W. Kimball	19	*Lemuel Pope	135
1874	*John W. Kimball	19	*C. H. Taylor	139	*John S. Fay	43
1875	*Geo. S. Merrill	39	*C. Frank Luther	79	*J. P. Maxfield	42
1876	*Horace Binney Sargent	15	*J. L. Skinner	36	*Herbert E. Hill	139
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